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Welcome

Welcome to Garrett County, Maryland—home of **Deep Creek Lake** and much, much more. Our area offers something for everyone in every season, all within an easy drive, without traffic hassles.

Whether you seek total relaxation or an exciting outdoor adventure, the choices are endless. In the spring, **hike** blooming nature trails as the mountains come to life; ease seamlessly into the **boating** paradise that is summer on the lakes. Check out nature's **Autumn Glory** show on **horseback** (or join everyone in town at the fall festival); or hit the slopes as winter rolls out with world-class alpine **skiing**. Come explore the mountains of possibilities.

We hope our **visitors guide** will intrigue you to explore this one-of-a-kind mountain playground. Pages of practical info in **themed sections** will focus your search for what makes Garrett County so special: adventures from water-based fun to family outings, history to shopping. The **information-packed grids** in the center provide specific offerings from all of our featured attractions—parks, restaurants, lodging, and more; the back advertising section adds even more (and note the physical addresses to ease your **GPS navigation**). All of that, and the detailed **maps** of Garrett County and Deep Creek Lake will make your planning a breeze.

Also to aid your discoveries: an interactive, **digital version** of the guide now appears on the website: go to **www.visitdeepcreek.com**. Link directly to activities and advertisers with a simple click of the mouse. Make reservations, find the perfect restaurant, shop, outfitter, or call the Chamber of Commerce directly for additional information.

Should you decide to stay—for a week or a lifetime—we look forward to having you as our guest.

Jimmy Flanigan

Jimmy Flanigan, Jr.
Chairman, Board of Directors, Garrett County Chamber of Commerce

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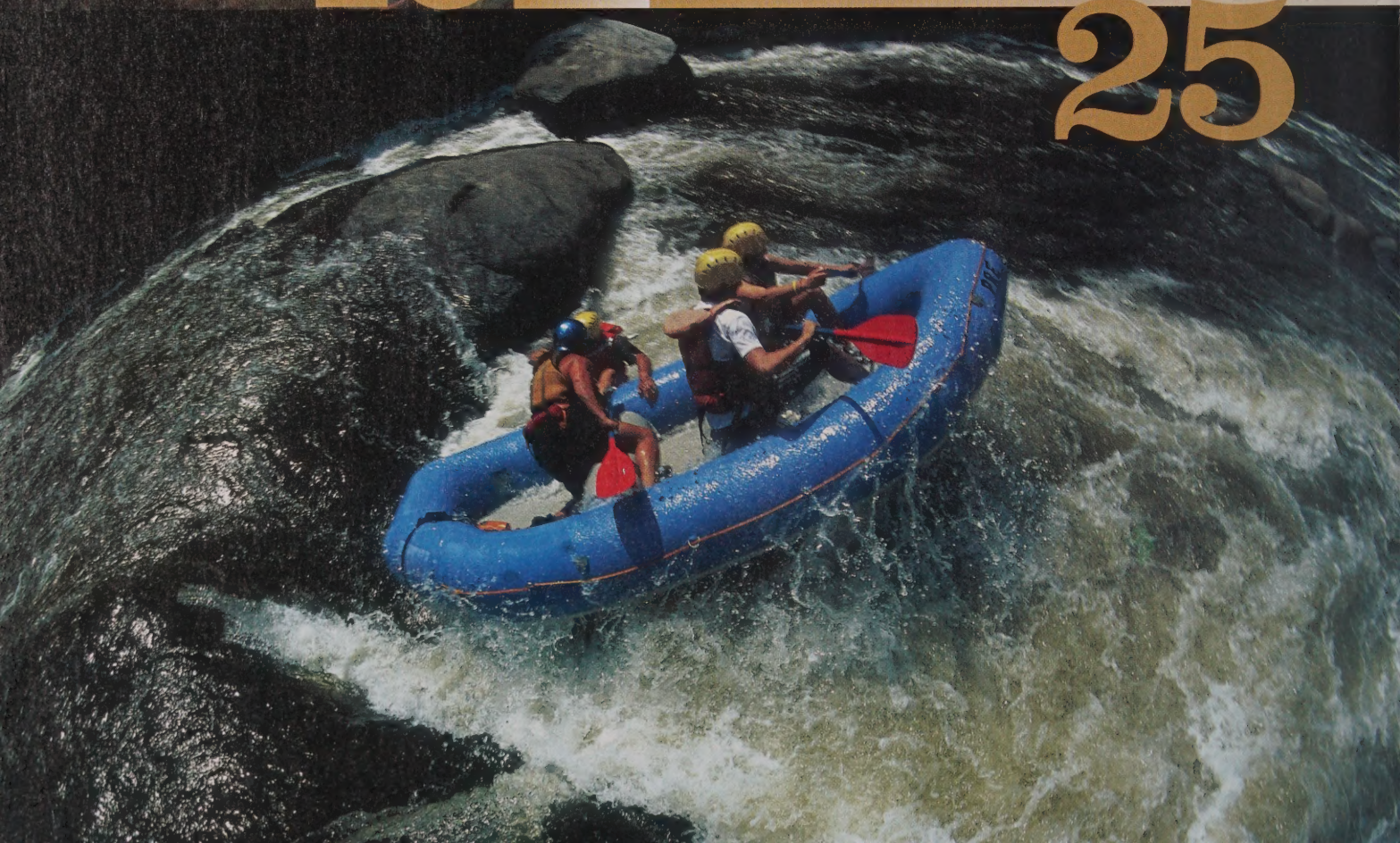

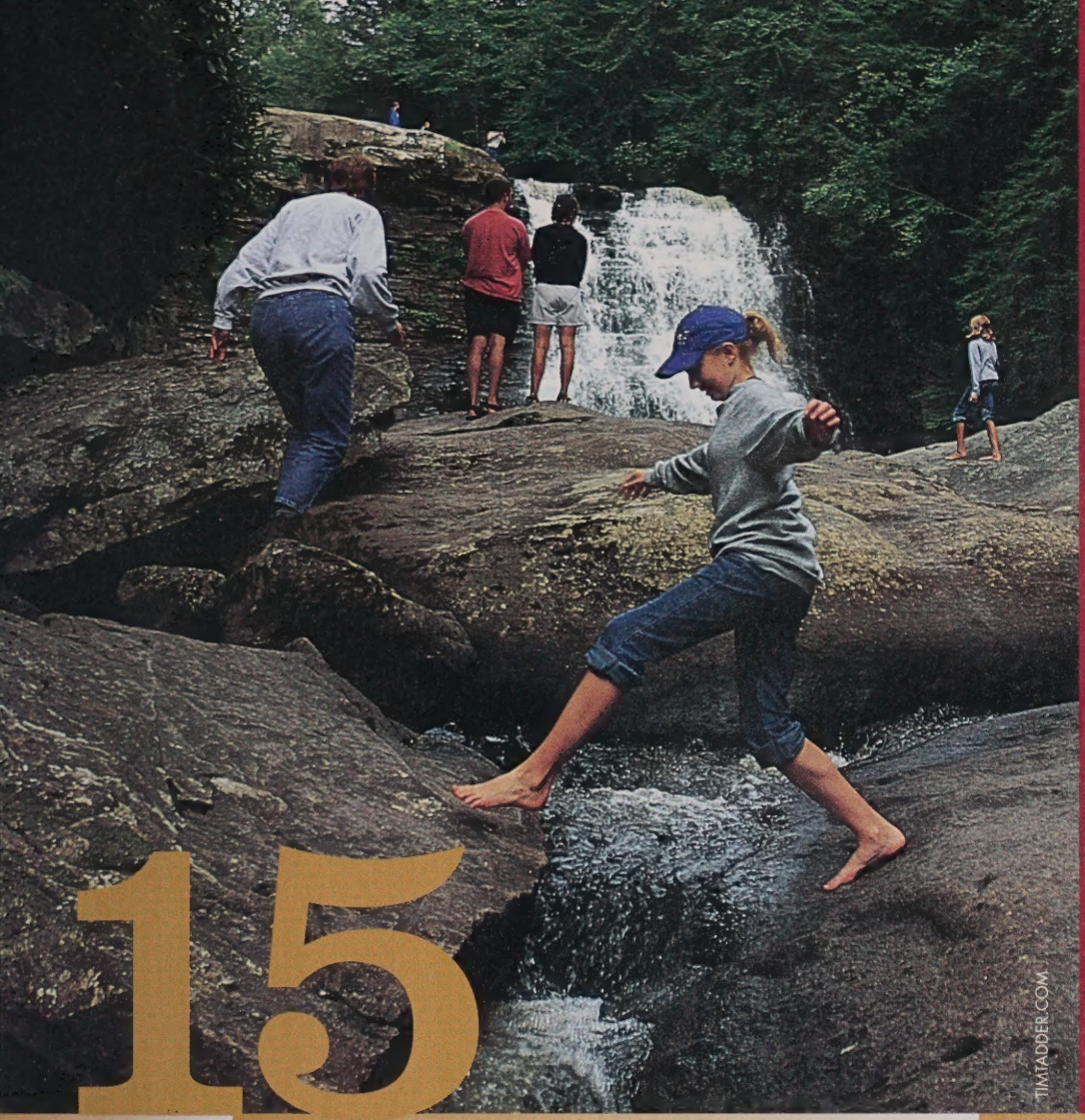

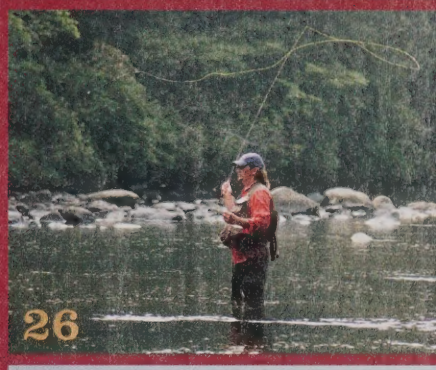

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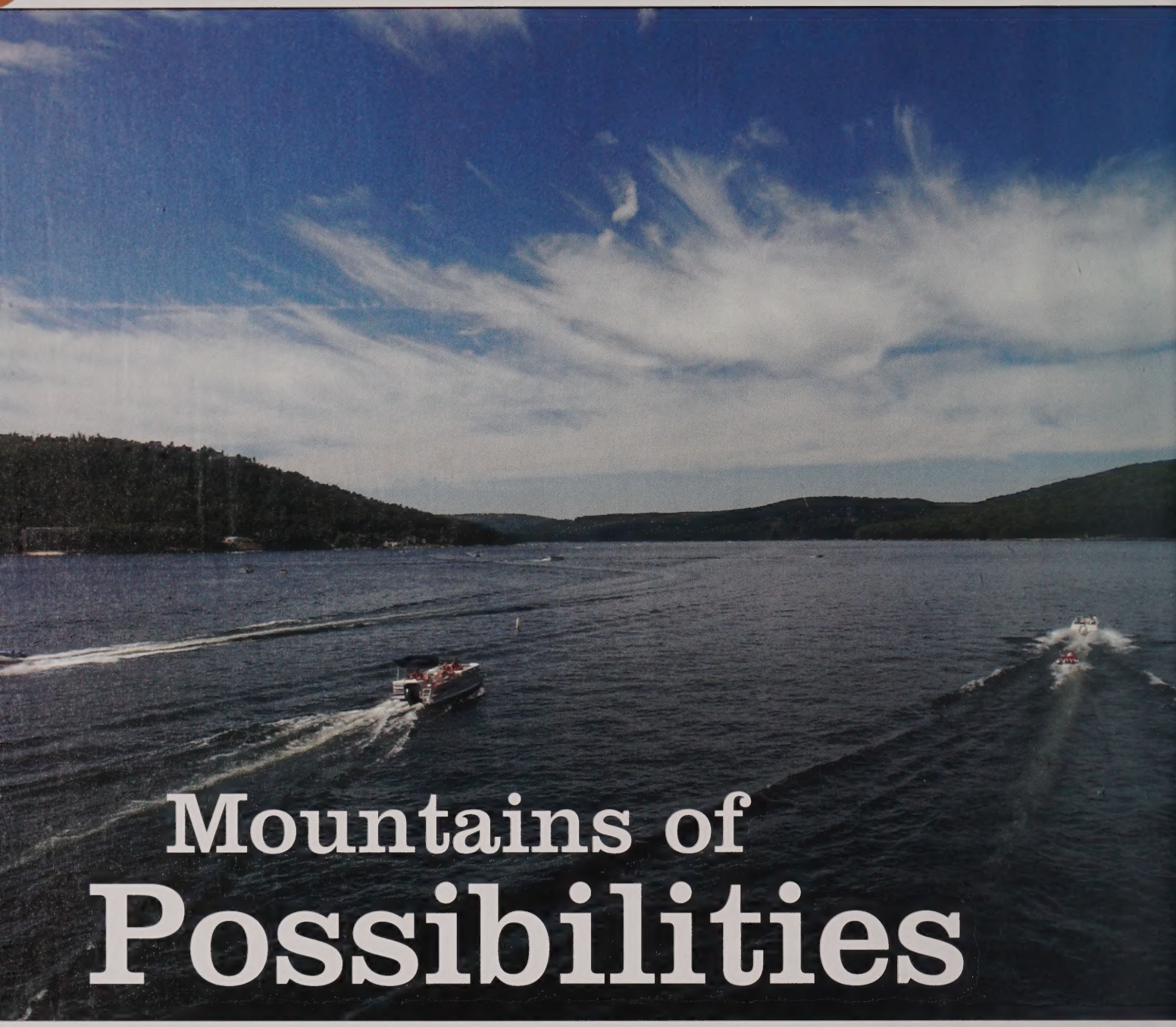

Mountains of Possibilities

VISIT MARYLAND'S GARRETT COUNTY

Mountains of possibilities and miles of beauty tucked away in Maryland's panhandle—that's Garrett County. Quaint towns, beautiful vistas, and a long list of activities and extreme adventures are here for every kind of visitor.

Highway Distances from Oakland, MD (in miles)

Baltimore, MD	180
Charleston, WV	195
Cincinnati, OH	350
Hagerstown, MD	109
Harrisburg, PA	183
Morgantown, WV	41
New York, NY	348
Philadelphia, PA	284
Pittsburgh, PA	106
Richmond, VA	276
Washington, DC	174
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So Close, and So Much To Do

In the time it takes to loop the beltway or fight stop-and-go city traffic, you can be cruising mountains and driving with ease into the quiet of Mountain Maryland. (In fact, there are only thirteen stoplights in all of Garrett County.) And once you arrive, there's so much to explore.

The clear waters of Deep Creek Lake beckon: for lovely sunset evenings or high-speed afternoons on waterskis or personal watercraft. The waters of the Youghiogheny River might lure you in for a whitewater adventure or a relaxed day of fishing. Thousands of acres of state parks offer hiking trails, breathtaking waterfalls, and endless miles of opportunity for cross-country skiing or snowmobiling. And the mountains will call you all year long for skiing, snowboarding, skateboarding, mountain biking, or even dogsledding!

If your mission is extreme unwinding and quiet, you're still in the right place. Wander through galleries featuring the work of many local artisans, quaint shops, and antique stores offering just the piece you've been searching for. Try a concert or a play, or just take in a movie. Whether you're here for a week or a weekend, there's always something new to discover.

Stay Awhile

Once a back-to-basics destination, Garrett County has evolved. Every kind of accommodation is available here—from campgrounds and rustic cabins in the woods to upscale lakefront homes and B&Bs. Fine dining for that romantic getaway or relaxed family fare with a view of Deep Creek Lake—the options are many.

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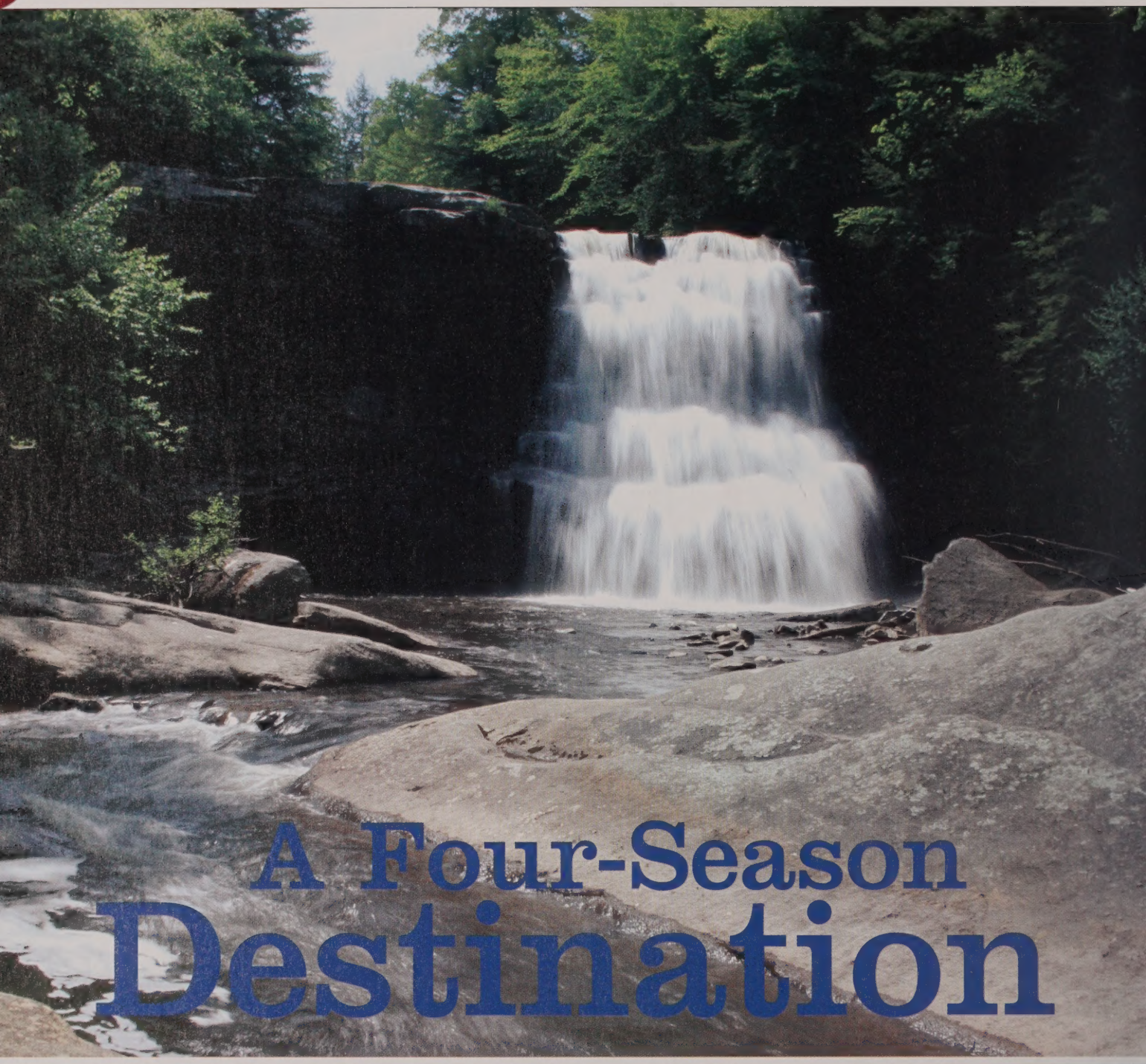


A Four-Season Destination

...WITH SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

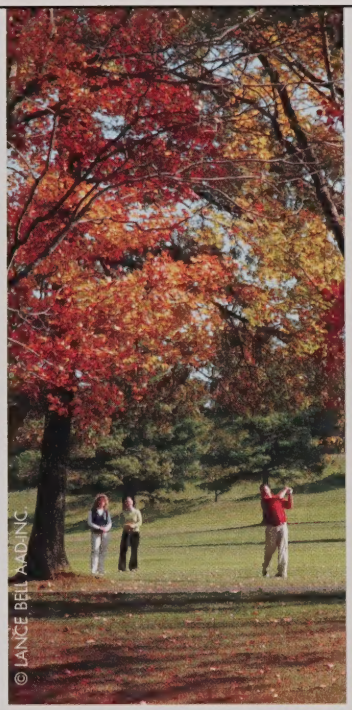
Garrett County, land of forests and lakes, sophistication and natural wonder, has no downtime. It shines all through the year—and attracts visitors young and old.

SPRING brings nature to life in all its glory, with bikers and kayakers and bird-watchers all breaking out of their winter doldrums; music, cultural festivals, and history tours rev up.

SUMMER explodes with the thrills of waterskiing and wakeboarding, the clomp of horse hooves on the trail. Flyfishermen head for the streams, as campers head for the hills.

FALL is a burst of color, where campfire marshmallows glow near mountainsides seemingly on fire. Leaves crunch under-foot and cool days make hiking a breeze.

WINTER arrives with quiet snowfalls on powdery trails, giving way to the schuss of alpine skis and snowboards zooming by. Sunset from a one-horse open sleigh and moonlight by the fire make this the most lovely of mountain times.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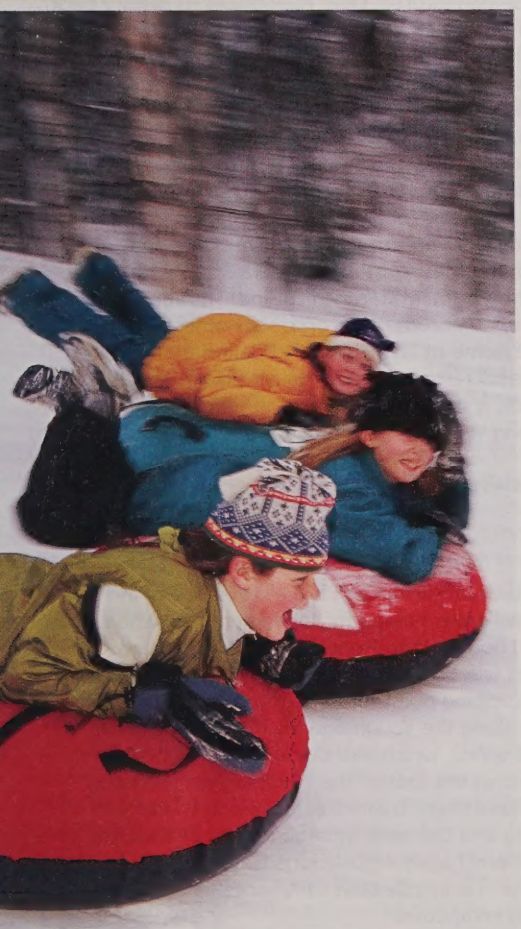
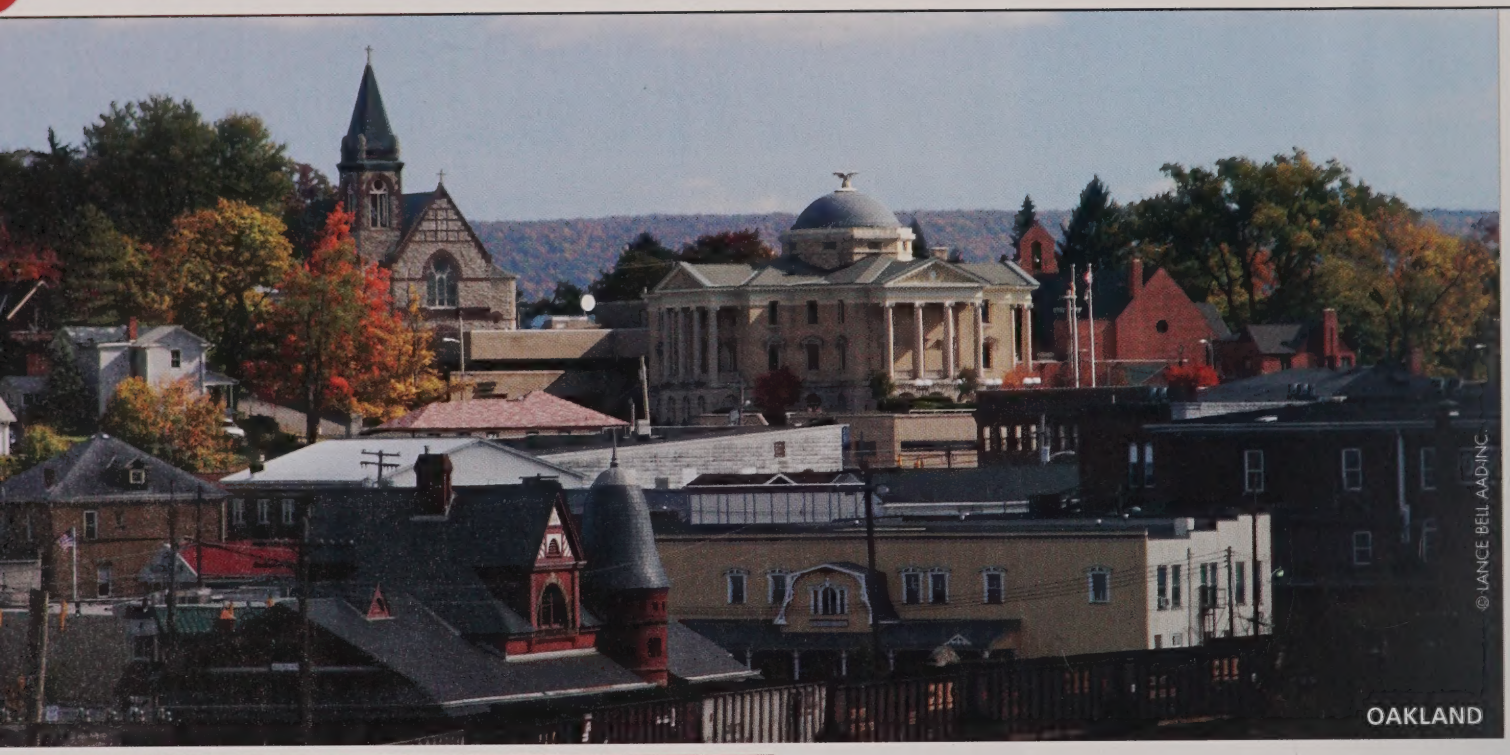


ROMANTICS will find special massages, horse-drawn carriages, and, maybe, that special jewel from an artist's studio. A gourmet meal, with a special bottle of local wine and the harvest moon over the lake—who could ask for anything more?

ADRENALINE JUNKIES come for black diamond ski trails, a Super Pipe made for stunts, thrilling whitewater...whether novice or expert, there's something here.

FAMILIES won't know where to go first: mini-golf, paintball, laser tag, or go-karts, and that's not even mentioning the tubing hill. Catch a movie or a fish, splash the shallows or eat deep dish. When the kids get up close to feed a baby goat or calf on a farm tour, and look a hawk or turtle straight in the eye at the Discovery Center, they'll be making lifetime memories.

RETIREES can rest easy in style, with B&Bs, spas, theater and music, and vineyards for excitement at a slower pace. But world-class golf, tennis, antiquing, and nature tours in fantastic surroundings will get their hearts, minds, and muscles racing—if that enticing hammock doesn't lure them back to the porch.



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Towns of Garrett County

The towns of Garrett are quaint and welcoming. Take a drive through our county and meet some of Maryland's friendliest folks.

For locations, check out county maps on pg. 56.

Accident (Flowery Vale)

How did Accident get its unusual name? There are several accounts, but the following one seems the most plausible. When Lord Baltimore opened Western Maryland for settlement in 1774, William Deakins and Brooke Beall set out to survey land. When the work was completed, the men discovered they had selected the same tract to survey. One of them reputedly stated that it appeared they had selected the same land "by accident." The oldest known structure in Accident offers a glimpse into the town's past: the Drane House was built in 1797. It is one of the few original frontier plantation homes remaining on Maryland's tableland and is representative of the area's tobacco-growing days. Today, community parks offer Accident's residents and visitors a fishing pond, pavilion, Little League field, walking trail, and other amenities. "Accident's 4th of July Homecoming" draws large crowds, locals, their relatives, and past residents, who gather to enjoy a parade, concerts, games, and good food.

Elevation: 2,415
Mayor: Richard W. Carlson
301-746-6346

Deer Park

Once famous for its luxurious resort hotel, the small town of Deer Park is again poised for growth. An increasing number of homes and historic buildings are being restored. Deer Park traces its history back to 1774, when a 2,000-acre tract was surveyed and patented in that name to A. Stewart. The town grew rapidly in the mid-1880s as the B&O Railroad carried wealthy summer vacationers from Baltimore and Washington to enjoy the cool mountain air. Many ended up staying at the newly opened (1872) Deer Park Hotel, with as many as 300 rooms to accommodate these prestigious visitors, including several large, ornate "cottages" built just for them. The day after their wedding at the White House in 1886, President Grover Cleveland and his bride arrived in Deer Park for their honeymoon. Today, the Deer Park Inn Bed and Breakfast continues the tradition with an elegant restaurant featuring authentic French cuisine. Though the historic hotel is long gone, numerous other gracious homes remain today. Deer Park is the home of The Flying Scot Sailboat Company, which manufactures handcrafted state-of-the-art fiberglass sailboats that are sold worldwide; it's also the source of the pure, natural, Deer Park Natural Spring Water.

Elevation: 2,441
Mayor: Donald E. Dawson
301-334-4531

Friendsville

The site of the first settlement (Selbysport is the oldest town) in Garrett County, Friendsville was named for John Friend, Sr., who came to the area in 1765 and bought land from the Native Americans. When the C&O Railroad was built a century later, in 1890, the town became an important shipping point for lumber products. Friendsville, with its prime location along the Youghiogheny River, is now most noted for its adventure sports, which includes excellent whitewater and hiking opportunities at the foot of the Youghiogheny corridor, just above the Yough Dam. Major businesses located in Friendsville include Precision Rafting and Demaree Inflatable Rafts. Friendsville is also the home of the Friend Family Association's National Heritage Museum and Library, the Friendsville Days summer celebration, and an annual fiddle and banjo competition.

Elevation: 1,549
Mayor: Spencer Schlosnagle
301-746-5919
Email: townoffriendsville@qcol.net

Grantsville

Grantsville started out with another name in the 18th century. Baltimore innkeeper Daniel Grant was awarded a land grant in 1785; a decade later, in 1796, he moved to a spot in northern Garrett County called Cornucopia. There he established Grant's Village, settling along the route constructed by General Braddock's troops during the French and Indian War. The historic National Road was later built along this same route to carry the traffic and commerce of a growing nation. The nearby Casselman Bridge, built on the National Road in 1813 and still standing, was the largest single-span stone arch bridge of its time. An 1818 stagecoach stop in Grantsville now houses a restaurant and craft shop. At the adjacent Spruce Forest Artisan Village, visitors can tour log cabins, schoolhouses, a church, and other rustic buildings, which house a variety of working artisans.
Elevation: 2,414
Mayor: Paul C. Edwards
301-895-3144
www.grantsvillemd.com

Kitzmiller

Once a booming company town, Kitzmiller was one of the largest producers and shippers of coal in Garrett County. Today, citizens of Kitzmiller continue to enjoy their town's rich history, especially as they celebrate the town's "homecoming" each July. Sitting on the North Branch of the Potomac River, Kitzmiller provides visitors and residents with many recreational opportunities: Sportsmen can enjoy fishing in the river while others may prefer a picnic in the park and a stroll through the botanical garden. The town's river walk creates a scenic view for bicyclists, skaters, and hikers, who often head off into the wilds along the North Branch. Basketball courts, horseshoe pits, and a volleyball court are also available in the town's parks. The mayor and town council are in the process of restoring the Kitzmiller Company Store, which will also be used as a visitors information center.
Elevation: 1,564
Mayor: Jim Browning
301-453-3449
www.mindspring.com/~townofkitzmiller

Loch Lynn Heights

Loch Lynn Heights flourished as a resort area during the heyday of the B&O Railroad. Trains would stop at the station in Loch Lynn Heights, bringing guests from the Baltimore/Washington area to the mountaintop's luxury hotels, especially the Loch Lynn Hotel (the largest) with its indoor swimming pool and bowling alleys in an adjacent casino. Fire destroyed this lavish resort in 1918. Today, Loch Lynn Heights is a family-focused community, boasting recreational facilities including a playground, three soccer fields, two softball fields, and a concession stand with rest facilities. A community building includes an auditorium, plus an outdoor pavilion with rest facilities and a playground for children. Loch Lynn Heights is home to Radio FX, which includes WKHJ, WMSG, and The Train.
Elevation: 2,438
Mayor: Larry F. Friend
301-334-8339

Mountain Lake Park

Established in 1881, Mountain Lake Park observed two milestone anniversaries recently: its founding 125 years ago, and its incorporation 50 years later. Originally envisioned as a Chautauqua-style summer resort, the town saw thousands of visitors from throughout the region from 1882 until 1942. They would visit the Park to enjoy the cool, clean mountain air and the numerous cultural, educational, and recreational activities offered by the Chautauqua program. The B&O Railroad provided convenient escape from hot summers in the Baltimore/Washington area, even for notables including Pres. William Howard Taft, Mark Twain, William Jennings Bryan, and evangelist Billy Sunday. Today, Mountain Lake Park is a quiet residential community, noted for its unique character and rich variety of Victorian homes (many listed on the National Register of Historic Places). For the past eighty-three years, Mountain Lake Park also has been the home of the Western Maryland Clay Court Tennis Championships, held each August.
Elevation: 2,466
Mayor: Britten L. Martin
301-334-2250
www.mtnlakepark.com

Oakland

The National Historic Trust designated Oakland as a National Main Street Community in 1998; with its predominant Victorian sections, it has also been recognized as a "Preserve America" Community. The 1884 Queen Anne-style B&O Train Station is one of the architectural and historic centerpieces of the town. The Farmers Market regularly takes over the central outdoor pavilion, also host of many special events, like the Little Yough Summer Music Festival; a handicapped-accessible fishing pier, kayak and canoe launch, and fitness trail (affording easy access to downtown) are nearby. Strollers can enjoy the Garrett County Historical Society Museum, numerous businesses and specialty retail shops, restaurants, the historic Oakland Hotel site, and a pedestrian bridge over the headwaters of the Little Youghiogheny River and Washington Spring. (George Washington allegedly drank from this spot.) Oakland's parks welcome many for outdoor recreation; the largest of these is Broadford Lake Park, a 400-acre refuge with kayak and canoes (no motorcraft allowed), pavilions, playgrounds, ballfields, and 140 acres of water, with a 600-foot sandy beach that welcomes swimmers and fishing enthusiasts. Oakland also boasts an 18-hole championship golf course with a pro shop, dining facilities, and clubhouse. Serving as Garrett County's seat, this town offers some unique business opportunities through the Main Street program, in association with the Greater Oakland Business Association (GOBA).
Elevation: 2,534
Mayor: Asa M. McCain
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www.oaklandmd.com

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GRANTSVILLE

Local Color

The natural beauty and endless adventures are here to thrill, but what's truly special is the friendly, local way of life. That spirit lies in the environment, the atmosphere of the mountains, but most importantly in the people—past, present, and future. The secret of Garrett County stems from those that have made it home. The best way to experience true "local flavor" and find all those hidden treasures is by talking with the locals. We'll be glad to shake your hand and have a chat.

MARY EDGE

When it's time to unwind, check out Friday evenings at the Little Yough Music Festival, Saturday afternoons on a lakeside deck, and nighttime anytime, when live entertainment takes the stage at a host of local clubs and taverns all year 'round.

Jimmy Flanigan, McHenry, Md.

There are so many things to do, but I like just getting together with other knitters at Deep Creek Lake—it's time for good friends, good views, and good coffee.

Edna Forsyth, Oakland, Md.

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I love riding the single-track and double-track mountain bike trails and exploring the wilderness that is Garrett County. From the Margraff Plantation Trail in Accident to the Senator Paul S. Sarbanes Trail near Kitzmiller, there is such variety. Kayaking, skiing, cross-country, waterskiing, sailing, hiking, it's all here. It is great to be able to be outdoors all year long.

Steve Green, McHenry, Md.

When I was a child, my family went to the McHenry Highland Festival. That trip was all it took for us to fall in love with the area: the mountains, lakes, and forests. We moved there less than a year later. It didn't take long for us to say we knew we were right to do it. Everyone was friendly and welcoming and there was always something interesting to do, despite the feel of 'living in the country.' After college, I moved to the city, but I miss Garrett County more than I'd have imagined and I visit whenever I can. Mark my words—I'll return.

Catherine Donaldson, Parkville, Md.

With more than 125 churches (such as the log "Our Father's House), from Apostolic to United Methodist, Baptist to Brethren, Pentecostal to Presbyterian, as well as active Amish and Mennonite communities, there are worship possibilities for almost every denomination in Garrett County. Even Presidents Ulysses S. Grant, Grover Cleveland, and Benjamin Harrison have been welcomed here—at Oakland's aptly named Church of the Presidents.

Rev. John Grant, Oakland, Md.

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It's a mountain paradise, with forest, lakes, and clear skies in every direction. But the outdoors are just the beginning—the possibilities for entertainment in Garrett County are endless. Whether your passions lie in adventure, culture, history, or just plain relaxation, we have a way for you to indulge yourself.

Go for the View: Great Stopping Places

The state's second largest county, all 662 square miles of it, serves up the best of Mountain Maryland with breathtaking views of the rolling hills and rural valleys untouched by development. Venture out into the land—for vistas dotted with autumn color, snow-capped wonder, or the blooming greens of spring and summer.

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Cove Overlook
Along U.S. Rt. 219 north, past Accident, stop at the scenic overlook on the left before the crest of the mountain—the perfect place to relax the spirit. Enjoy a peaceful "aerial" view of wide spaces dotted with farms, Amish scenery, a corn maze, woodlands and wildlife, topped off with super sunsets as the green turns to blue.

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Main Street America
Visit our eight intimate and quaint small towns (check out pg.10 for their histories). See architectural delights, unique shops, and friendly faces in our heritage areas. Relive rural American history as you travel undeveloped byways, shop for antiques and souvenirs, and learn about the ways of yesteryear, some of which still exists.

Deep Creek Lake Scenic Overlook
Head south from McHenry down Rt. 219, on the crest of the hill, and find a beautiful view of the lake and ski runs, tubing park, lodge, and golfing at Wisp Resort. Directly in front of you—if you were here in 1808, that is—stood the residence of Col. James McHenry, who so enjoyed his time at his mountain cabin that he visited as often as possible. He served under George Washington and eventually became Secretary of War. The site of the home of the local town's namesake is now under water, midway across the lake.

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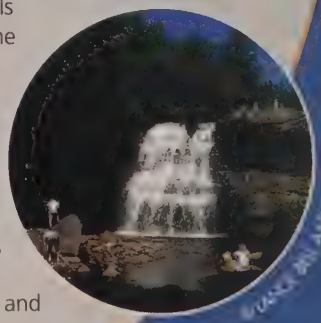
Swallow Falls State Park
A magical place exists just up Rt. 219. (Take Mayhew Inn Road, follow to end, and turn left onto Sang Run Road. Just a quarter-mile later, take a right onto Herrington Manor/Swallow Falls Road to the park.) Here is home to three striking waterfalls (including Maryland's highest, Muddy Creek), virgin forests, scenic trails, nature programs, and camping. Stand where the 19th-century "Vagabonds" (Thomas Edison, Henry Ford, Harvey Firestone, and John Burroughs) camped, and discover for yourself why this area was one of their favorite escapes.



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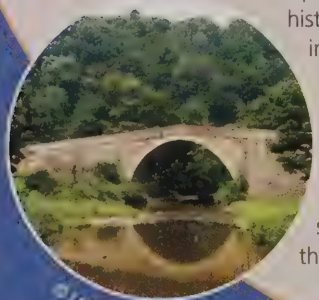
Historic National Road
Experience twenty-six miles of the designated All-American Road, alternate U.S. Rt. 40, which parallels the east and west Interstates 68 and 70. Follow the historic markers as you go (there's also a map available; for more info, see history on pg. 11). "Must sees" include the Casselman River Bridge State Park, adjacent to Spruce Forest Artisan Village. Also visit the Amish restaurants, old drovers' inn, 1818 stagecoach stop, antique stores, and quilt shops along the country's first federal road.



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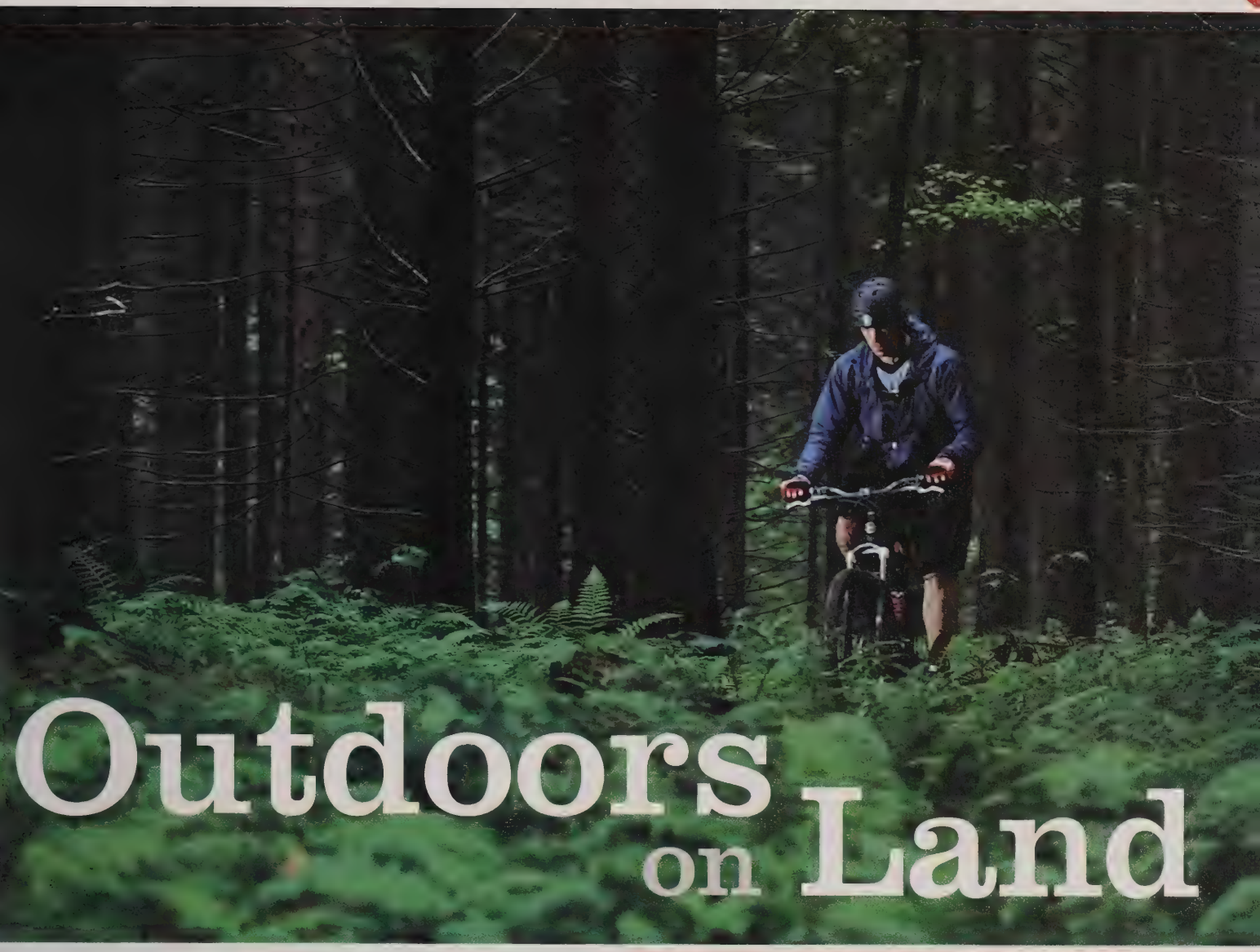

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That mountain air is invigorating, and the pristine beauty a spectacular backdrop for any outdoor activity. Whether it's hitting a small ball or rolling along a web of forest trails, Garrett will keep you going with a wide array of activities.

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Biking Heaven

Roll the hills and dales of forest lands and great mountain trails.

The rolling terrain of Garrett County attracts all types of biking enthusiasts, from mountain bikers to more casual pedalers, from beginners to experts. Ten-foot-wide shoulders on most areas of Rts. 40, 135, 495, and 219 are broom-cleaned each spring, thanks to the local highway administration, and numerous trails exist—and are regularly maintained—in the Garrett forests and beyond. Bring your own bike, or rent from the handful of outfitters that provide bikes and special tours. Maps are available at the Visitors Center and www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/trailguide/. Maryland law requires helmets for ages 16 and under, but they are recommended for all, especially on uneven terrain.

Mountain Biking

The Garrett Recreational Trails Task Force has proposed upwards of 150 miles of trails, easy to difficult, all backed by forestland and great mountain views. Even indoor venues and groomed trails are available at local ski runs. The Margraff Plantation, part of the Savage River State Forest, has a good single-track trail marked with white blazes. Numerous biking businesses provide advice, maps, and rental equipment—bikes, helmets, tools—as well.

Freestyle Biking

If it's ramps, rails, and jumps that get you going, make your own X-Games and grab some air at a local skate-and-ride park. You can supply your own equipment, or rentals are available, and safety monitors are on hand for that rare but inevitable spill.

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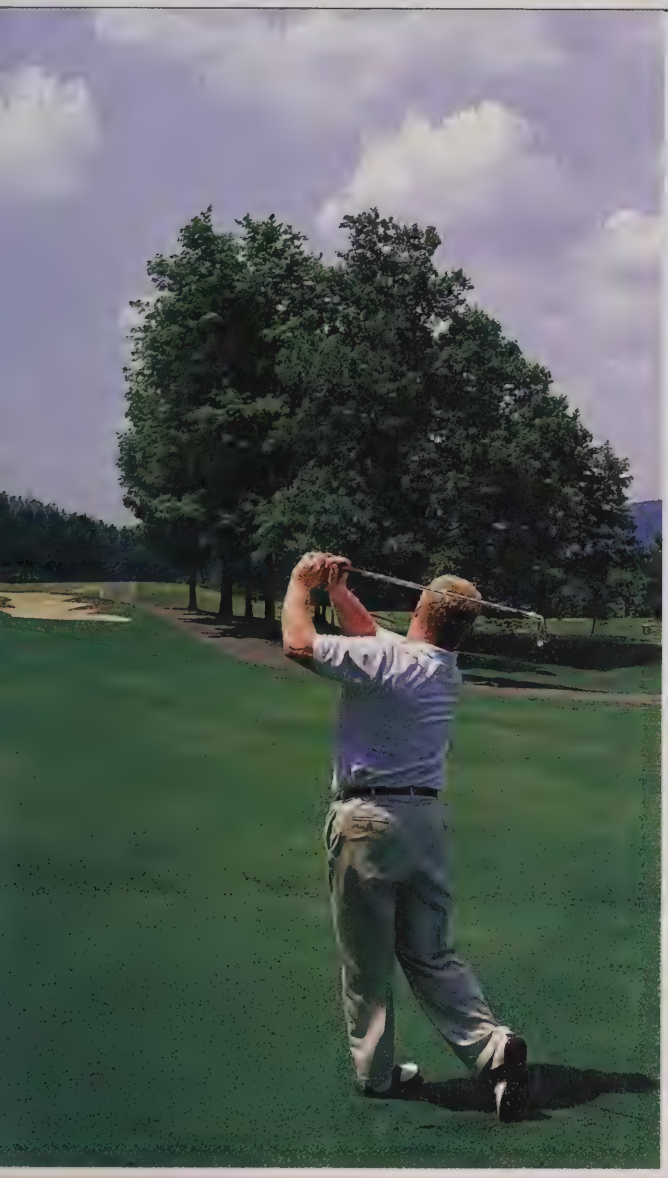
Bicycling Safety

Have a safe ride in Garrett County. Whether you're cycling on- or off-road, follow these general safety suggestions. And please remember: Although bicycles have the right of way, larger vehicles will always win in a contest.

- Always wear a helmet
- Wear bright-colored clothing
- Always ride on the right side of the street in the same direction as the traffic
- Use bike lanes or designated bike routes where available
- Watch traffic closely for turning cars or cars pulling out of driveways
- Don't ride too closely to parked cars—doors can open suddenly
- Stop at all stop signs and obey red lights just as cars do
- If riding with a group, ride single file
- When riding in the dark, have reflectors on your bike and a battery-operated headlight
- Don't wear headphones while biking



Birdies and Eagles Fly High in Garrett County

Golf in these parts delivers drama amid rolling hills, lush parkland—even better in the blaze of fall color—and fairways that cut through valleys ringed by striking mountainscapes. This is heaven to some duffers, who are thrilled to discover that there are no fewer than ten golf courses within one hour of Deep Creek Lake. Choices range from major mountain courses, host to amateur and professional tournaments, to casual courses that the entire family can enjoy.

Miniature Golf

The budding Tiger Woods in your family (maybe you!) can test his or her putting skills at the big courses, or equally well with a little windmill or tiger's mouth as the goal. Several miniature golf courses serve the county, from basics to more exotic layouts, complete with sand traps and water hazards.

Golf Courses and Resorts Around Garrett County

GARRETT COUNTY

Oakland Golf Club

18 holes; pro shop, restaurant, and instruction available.
433 North Bradley Lane, Oakland, MD
301-334-3883 or
www.deepcreeklake.com/oaklandgolfclub

Wisp Resort

18-hole, par-72 course on 100 acres. Resort facilities including lodging, golf shop, lessons, and restaurant.
296 Marsh Hill Rd., McHenry, MD
301-387-4911 ext. 2119 or
www.wispresort.com

OUTSIDE GARRETT COUNTY

Alpine Lake Resort Community and Conference Center

18 holes, plus miniature golf in addition to resort and conference facilities.
700 West Alpine Dr., Terra Alta, WV
1-800-752-7179; 304-789-2481 or
www.alpinelake.com

Canaan Valley Resort and Conference Center

18 holes, conference center, and resort accommodations and activities.
Davis, WV
1-800-622-4121; 304-866-4121 or
www.canaanresort.com

Piney Run Golf Course

9 holes, par 52; golf shop and snack bar.
2524 Garrett Shortcut Road, Garrett, PA
814-634-8660 or
www.somersetcounty.com/pineyrun/

Preston Country Club

18 (level) holes on the banks of the Cheat River, near Kingwood, W. Va. Pro shop, restaurant.
WV Rt. 7 & Camp Dawson Road, Kingwood, WV
304-329-2100 or www.prestoncc.com

Rocky Gap Lodge and Golf Resort

A Jack Nicklaus signature 18-hole course, with lodging and rentals.
16701 Lakeview Road, Flintstone, MD (I-68, Exit 50)
301-784-8400 or
www.rockygapresort.com

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COURTESY OF GARRETT RECREATIONAL TRAILS

A-Hiking We Go

Hit the trails for hiking and backpacking in Garrett County

The beauty of having more than 90,000 acres of forest and mountain landscape is that you need only yourself and perhaps a walking stick to enjoy it. A trail system in Garrett County, comprising more than 150 miles of maintained hiking trails in the state forests and parks, caters to the beginner as well as the more experienced hiker: some are level and unencumbered, others rocky and steep.

Walk in the path of nineteenth-century explorers to reach the broad view from atop St. Johns Rock, on Savage Mountain, about a quarter mile northwest of the old Braddock Road. Be advised of the presence of the occasional black bear as you venture off-road, and remember to carry enough water and a compass. You'll be rewarded with wildlife sightings: deer, river otters, raccoons, owls, and flocks of migratory birds. Trail maps are available for purchase at the parks. Backpacking is permitted in Savage River, Potomac, and Garrett State Forests. Note that a permit is required for overnight camping. For more camping information, check out the state forest/park chart on page 54; maps available from the Visitors Center and www.dnr.state.md.us/outdoors/hiking.html

If venturing out alone daunts you, guided hikes and nature walks are available from several local ecotour companies.

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- ○ Website
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Happy Trails

Garrett Rec Trails: Maintaining a Healthy Network

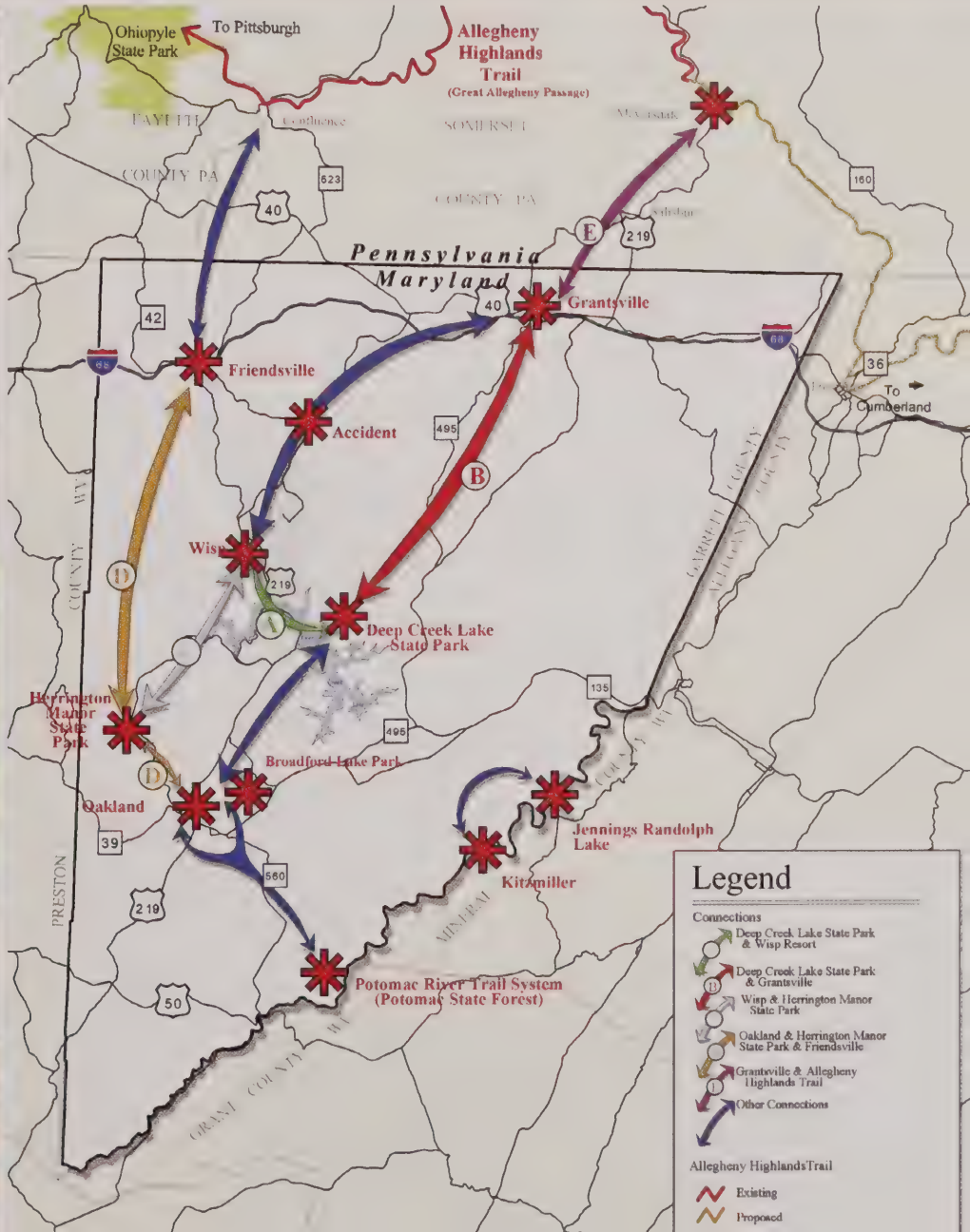
Exploring Mountain Maryland just got a little easier, thanks to a passionate group of outdoor enthusiasts.

The Senator Paul S. Sarbanes River Access Trail (opening May 10) is just the latest accomplishment of a hard-working volunteer group. The Garrett Recreational Trails Task Force, a dozen or so volunteers appointed by the county commissioners, has one mission: to create ample opportunities for hiking and biking throughout the county. They continually maintain current trails and scout potential sites.

The 1.75-mile-long Sarbanes Trail gives hikers, bikers, and fishermen beautiful access to the North Branch of the Potomac, as well as additional access to the tailwaters of Jennings Randolph Lake. The trail is accessible from the parking lot at Maryland Overlook One. In addition, the Friendsville Revitalization Task Force Trail Committee is improving the two-mile trail from Friendsville to Kendall. Improvements are also underway on numerous county trails, including the Deep Creek Lake to Wisp, Meadow Mountain, and Margroff Plantation trails.

The group is planning for the future, with a more extensive web of trails in its sights (see map). Plans are to eventually join trails from Deep Creek Lake, Grantsville, Friendsville, Oakland, and Kitzmiller. The task force has a singular goal: not only to crisscross the county with trails, but also to connect with the Allegheny Highland Trail systems of West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Maryland, so travelers can hike or bike straight through to D.C., the New River Gorge, even Pittsburgh.

For information on Garrett Recreational trails, contact www.visitdeepcreek.com/rectrails.



ATV Trail Riding

All-terrain vehicles (ATVs) are welcome on the limited miles of designated off-road vehicle trails within the Potomac-Garrett and Savage River State Forests (see parks chart on page 54). A $15 DNR trail fee is required when you bring your own. Some trails are limited to snowmobiles only and restricted during hunting season; check www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/orv.html for trails and restrictions. Helmets are required. Guided ATV tours are also available, with rentals, from local outfitters. A massive new ATV course has opened up with more than 3,000 acres of trails, from groomed to wild, for beginners to experts (see Recreation Chart for details).

Birdwatching

With its premier spot on the Eastern Flyway, Garrett County welcomes swarms of migrants in spring and fall—and many stay for extended periods due to the prime habitat. The county lakes are a major stopover point for migrating waterfowl, even osprey. This mountain haven is also home to many northern and southern species' nesting pairs—more than 200 species have been seen in the Mt. Nebo Wildlife Management Area alone. Pick up a copy of the "Birds of Garrett County" brochure at the Visitors Center; naturalists are on hand at most parks—see Parks Chart. You may be rewarded with a majestic eagle sighting.

Dog-Carting

You might only think of dogsledding as a winter sport, but lo and behold, there are dog cart rides (on wheels or specially designed "dry sleds") for those times when the snow is long gone and the sun is a-shinin'.

Horse-Drawn Carriages and Sleigh Rides

A romantic afternoon sojourn or cuddly, snowy interlude in a one-horse open sleigh awaits at several local farms/stables, where historic modes of transportation serve up a nostalgic ride for the modern couple or holiday funseekers.

Horseback Riding

Your horse is welcome in many Garrett County designated forests and trails; several of the maintained trails allow horseback riding. Check for a map at www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/maps/garrettsystem.html and at the Visitors Center. But several stables and facilities offer trail rides for all level of rider, hayrides for the family, even lessons.

Hunting

For centuries, Native American tribes came from as far away as Ohio to summer hunting grounds well-known for their prized game. The tradition continues, as Garrett County regularly notches up record-breaking seasons for size and number of takes. More than 80,000 combined acres of public hunting land are maintained by the state, including the Mt. Nebo Wildlife Management Area, Deep Creek Lake State Park, Potomac-Garrett State Forest, and the Savage River State Forest. Hunters must purchase a hunting license from a Maryland DNR licensing agent; local sporting goods stores also provide licenses and supplies. Hunting season dates and additional information are available at www.dnr.state.md.us/huntersguide. Be advised that there is a separate season for archery/bow hunting and firearms.

Mountain Boarding

In a combo of snowboarding, skateboarding, and mountain biking, mountain boarding takes the stage at Wisp when the snow melts and the skis are put away. Hit the chairlift and see the mountain in a whole new light. Instruction and rentals are available.

Rock Climbing

This is high country, and you need only look up for climbing opportunities. Nearby Cooper's Rock and Seneca Rocks are likely spots for beginners and the more experienced, but local outfitters can offer advice as well as renting equipment. Several also offer extended trips. The newly opened Fork Run, a 550-acre recreation area and part of the Adventure Sports Center, provides numerous opportunities for rock climbing. You can also practice your moves at several climbing walls in the area, both indoor and outdoor.

Rollerblading and Skateboarding

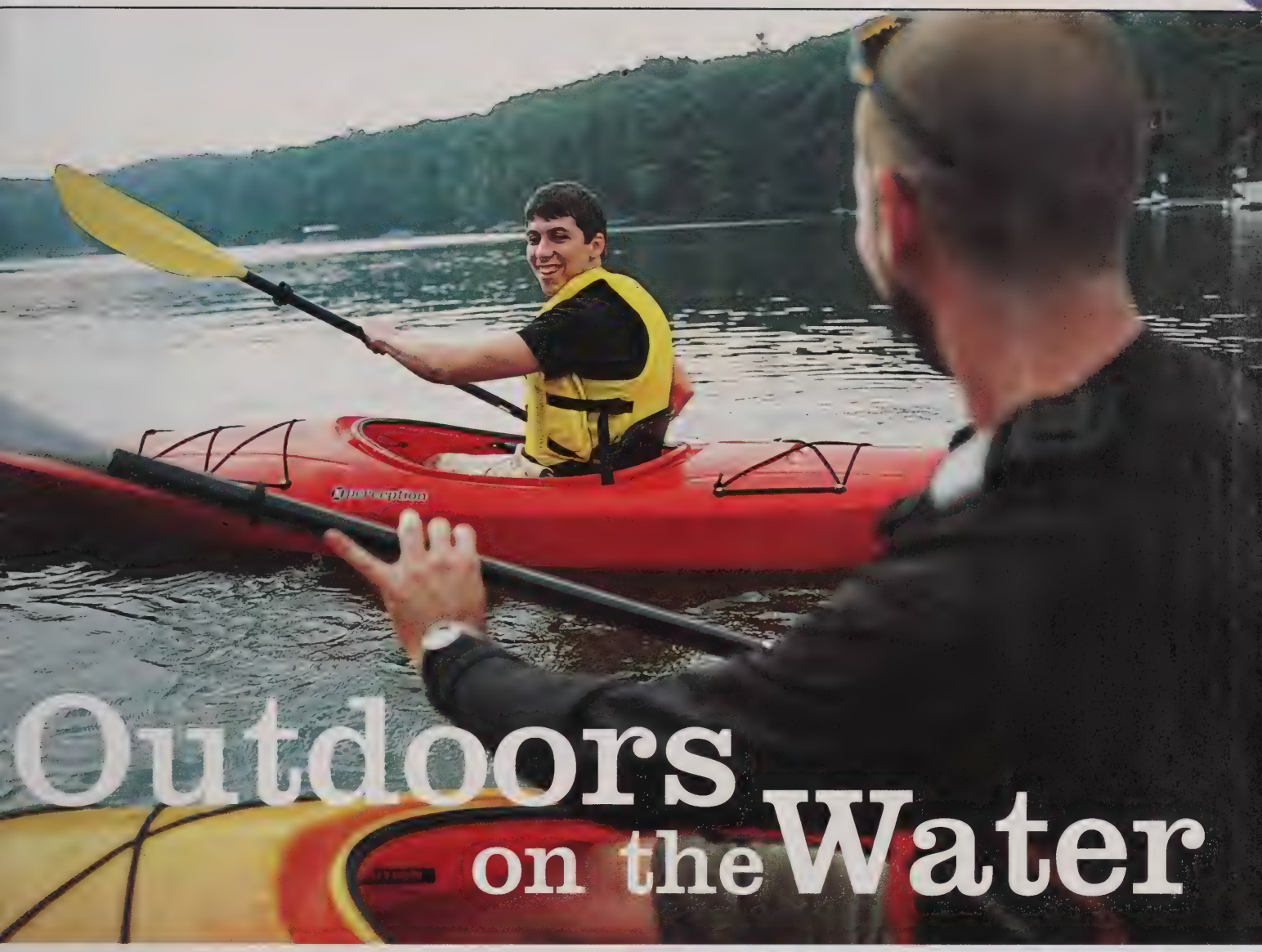
It's not just freestyle biking enthusiasts who head to the street-savvy network of ramps and rails—rollerbladers and skateboarders of all levels of talent find the local skate park a real joy, and a challenge.

Shooting/Sporting Clays/Skeet

Sport shooting is a kick even for non-hunters. Splatter some skeet or clays with your own gun, or rent one onsite at a local outfitter.

Tennis

The ever-popular sport of tennis is a natural in the cool mountain air, and numerous free courts throughout the county are open to the public. Local resorts offer lessons and equipment as well. For information on the court closest to you, contact the Visitors Center.



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Cool mountain streams converge into picturesque lakes, offering all manner of water sports. This is a boating mecca, a fisherman's dream—whether fly fishing or reel. Sailors find races here, kayakers peace among the chirping of birds—and if it's a personal watercraft (PWC) or a motorboat that makes your heart race, hundreds of acres of waterways await at Deep Creek.

Float Your Boat and More:

From the Mild to the Wild

Take to the lakes and rivers with any manner of watercraft, powered by motor, sail, or your own strong muscles.

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Boating—Motorized

From powerboats and pontoon boats, the lakes of Garrett County are a boater's dream. This is a world of waterbound thrills, especially for personal watercraft (PWC)—break out your Jet Ski or SeaDoo for a wave of summer fun. Check the Department of Natural Resources website for a map of public boat ramps: www.mddnr.chesapeakebay.net/fish/Cntyramps/GA.html. There are some restrictions on personal watercraft; before you head out, check the "Safe Boating Tips" below, as well.

Deep Creek Lake, naturally, provides the most support for the boating community. In fact, the lake was designed with boating in mind. Here, you can boat to the grocery store, restaurants, bait shops, hardware store, ice cream parlor, movie theater, or even office supply store from your home base. There are several marinas to serve your needs, from rentals to launching services to supplies. There are three full-service marinas with gas available; additional boat vendors can supply individual vehicles—the charts will tell the particulars. Additional boating info is available from the Deep Creek Lake Recreation Area Office, 898 State Park Road, Swanton, Md., 301-387-4111. For law enforcement

questions and to report accidents/injuries, contact the Natural Resources Police at 301-777-7771.

There are also boat rentals at the Youghiogheny River Lake; the marina is at Somerfield South. In addition, eight launch areas offer docks, restrooms, swimming areas, and numerous other amenities. Call 814-395-3242 or 814-395-3166, or visit www.lrp.usace.army.mil.

The Jennings Randolph Lake has two boat launches with floating docks, fishing pier, scenic overlooks, including the Waffle Rock site, with it's trail system and campground with numerous amenities. 304-355-2346, www.nab.usace.army.mil.

Boating—Non-Motorized

Self-powered boats—rowboats, paddleboats, kayaks, and the like—are welcome on the three big lakes, but remember you have to share the water, and the wakes, of the power crowd.

However, the smaller lakes, at Herrington Manor State Park, New Germany State Park, Savage River Reservoir, and Broadford Lake Park are reserved for non-gas powered boats only. Seasonal rentals are available from park personnel at Herrington Manor, New Germany, and Broadford. Others can be had for shorter periods from local recreation outfitters.

Sailing

The Deep Creek Yacht Racing Association sailboat races are held every weekend, Memorial Day to Labor Day. The races are laid out over various courses in the southern end of the lake, below the Glendale Bridge for Flying Scots (manufactured nearby) and Lasers. Saturday offers races with starts beginning at noon and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday races feature four starts beginning at 1 p.m. For details please visit www.saildeepcreek.com or call 301-387-4159 (summer season). Races are best viewed from the water. Lessons are available at a local school. Regretfully, you cannot currently rent a sailboat, but please bring your own and enjoy beautiful Deep Creek Lake.

Boating Safety Tips

If you were born after July 1, 1972, a Boating Safety Certificate is required to operate a water vessel in Maryland. The required training is offered locally at Garrett College (301-387-3069) or elsewhere in Maryland (410-974-2040) or visit the DNR website at www.dnr.state.md.us/boating/safety.

- The law requires one wearable Coast Guard-approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD) be carried for each person on board plus one throwable device. Any boat having confined air spaces must have at least one Coast Guard-approved, fully charged fire extinguisher. All children under the age of 7 must WEAR a Coast Guard-approved Personal Flotation Device (Life Jacket - Type I, II, III or V) while underway on a recreational vessel under 21 feet in length on Maryland waters.
- It is unlawful to operate a boat in a reckless or negligent manner or while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Please remember that minimum wake regulations are in force for 100 feet from shore and in buoyed areas.
- Permissible length for pontoon boats is 30 feet; all other vessels may not exceed 26 feet. Houseboats are not permitted. Engines may not exceed the manufacturer's recommended capacity or total displacement of 550 cubic inches.
- There is a pump-out station for garbage, sewage, and other waste materials located adjacent to the Deep Creek Lake State Park Launch Area. Lake discharges are strictly prohibited!
- Waterskiing is permitted on all parts of the lake except buoyed areas or 100 feet from shore, bridges, objects, or other watercraft. Two persons in the boat are required (an operator and an observer) who must be at least 12 years old. Waterskiing is not permitted between sunset and sunrise.
- To obtain a copy of Maryland State and Federal Requirements for recreational vessels, call the Natural Resources Police at 301-777-7771 or on the Web at www.dnr.state.md.us/boating.
- Remember: Please be courteous to other boaters!

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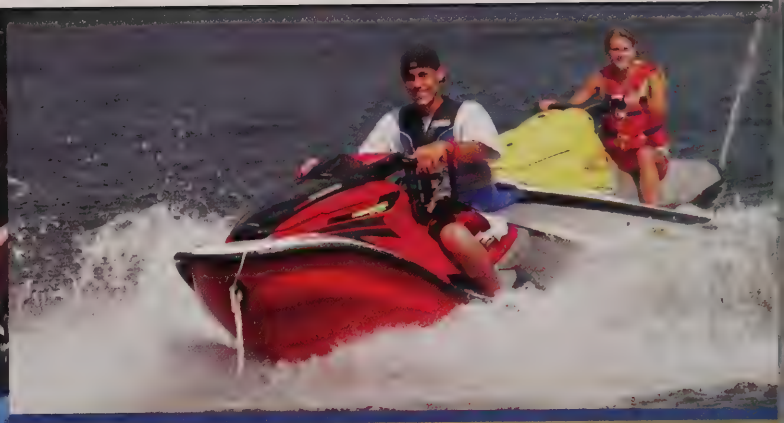


Personal Watercraft (PWC) Safety

Personal Watercraft (PWC) may NOT be operated:

- Between sunset and sunrise
- By persons under 16 years of age
- In a negligent manner
- Within 100 feet of any object
- Between 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on the Saturday, Sunday, and Monday of Memorial Day weekend
- Between 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays from July 1st through Labor Day

All riders must wear a Coast Guard-approved PFD and reduce speed to "no wake" under all bridges.

Canoeing

Flat-water paddling is the peaceful approach to the water, with the colorful seasons of spring and fall the best to partake in the myriad canoeing opportunities in Garrett County. You can even take your dog along; several outfitters have life-jackets perfect for your pooch. Garrett County offers seven flatwater lakes for paddling, and numerous rivers (see lake and river facts in this section). It's recommended, however, to check out the difficulty of any river section before your trip—kayaks and rafts will do well in some stretches, but it might be dicey for a canoe.

The ideal spots are those where no major wakes will rock your boat; the four smaller lakes that restrict motorized craft are, in order of size from the largest: Savage River Reservoir, Broadford, Herrington Manor and New Germany Lakes. Deep Creek Lake, Youghiogheny Dam, and Jennings Randolph Lake permit powerboats and all types of water sports—but the smaller coves and early morning still provide smooth waters for your paddling pleasure.

Kayaking

Kayaking, whether in the sit-in closed variety or the larger sea craft, is all the rage these days, and Garrett County and environs offer quiet solitude on streams and rivers as well as the excitement of raging whitewater. Bring your own craft, or rent one from a local outfitter; there are several, including one at Garrett College.

Herrington Manor, Broadford, and New Germany lakes offer quieter areas, great for family flatwater outings. The Savage Reservoir, easily accessed at the Dry Run Road "put in," has a wilderness feel due to its location within the Savage River State Forest. Views from the water are of steep mountains, and wildlife experiences are numerous.

TOURING: Ecotours of the Savage River Reservoir, just 20 minutes away from Deep Creek, are available for both beginners and more experienced kayakers. A fully guided nature tour, on sit-inside flatwater or sea kayaks, generally includes equipment, a buffet lunch, and, if you're lucky, a bald eagle sighting; check charts for availability. Other businesses also offer instruction and Deep Creek tours.

WHITEWATER: Numerous runs are available for the experienced and novice kayaker. See info under rafting below.

Rafting

For the more adventurous, the grand expanses of the Youghiogheny (Yough), Jennings Randolph, and Savage reservoirs offer miles of paddling for whitewater kayaking and large, six-to-eight man rafts. You can choose guided or unguided tours. More than thirty whitewater runs ranging from beginner (Class II) to expert (Class V) can be found within an hour of Deep Creek Lake—the Potomac, Yough,

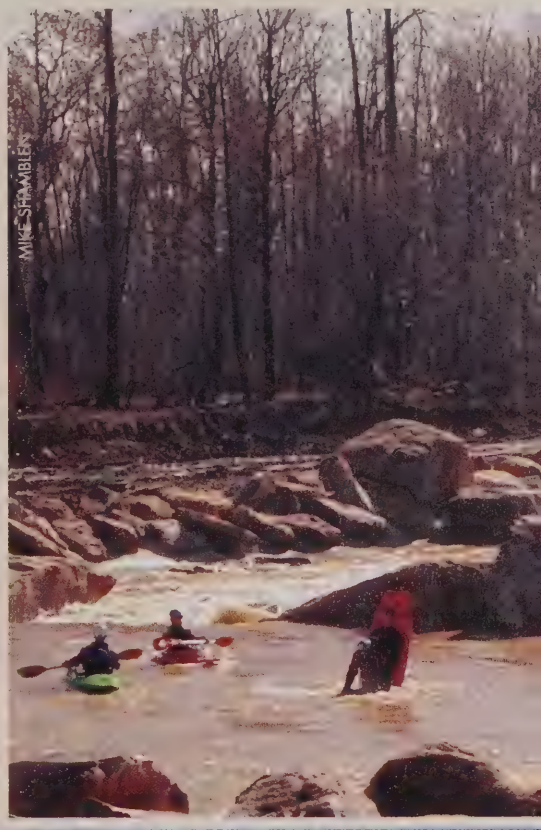
Whitewater on Demand

Why wait for the spring runoff, summer rains, or a dam release for running the rapids? Now finding great whitewater is as easy as hitting the slopes; Garrett County has the world's only mountaintop whitewater course for kayakers, rafters, and river rats of all varieties. The Adventure Sports Center International (ASCI) has just opened a state-of-the-art, re-circulating whitewater course unlike any other variable whitewater course in the world. The ASCI facility utilizes a new technology than allows it to be completely adjusted to deliver the best whitewater experience possible to users of all skill levels and interests.

Built to Olympic standards, the ASCI whitewater course is unique in its design and is an exciting addition to Western Maryland. Spanning 1,700 feet in length, the course closely resembles a natural waterway in how it looks, feels, and performs. Water can be pumped up to 250,000 gallons per minute so participants enjoy reliable whitewater that ranges from class II to class IV rapids, and can be varied to produce waves and whitewater suitable to their skills and abilities. The conditions of the whitewater course change at scheduled times during the day to provide our visitors the opportunity to get on the water when the challenge best matches their skill level.

Along with the whitewater course, ASCI includes Fork Run Recreation Area, providing adventure sports enthusiasts and visitors 550 acres of hiking, climbing, mountain biking, and other adventure-based recreational activities.

For more information about registration, programs, or hours of operations, please contact the Center at 1-877-300-ASCI (2724) or www.adventuresportscenter.com.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and Savage Rivers all flow from the heart of Garrett County. But there are also tamer "ducky" tours, perfect for the whole family, on calmer parts of the rivers. Several outfitters can be found on the Recreation Chart. Check our regular dam release schedules for high water thrills: for the Yough, call 315-413-2823 or visit www.deepcreekhydro.com. Release schedules for the Potomac North Branch: www.nabwc.usace.army.mil/wc/index.html.

Swimming

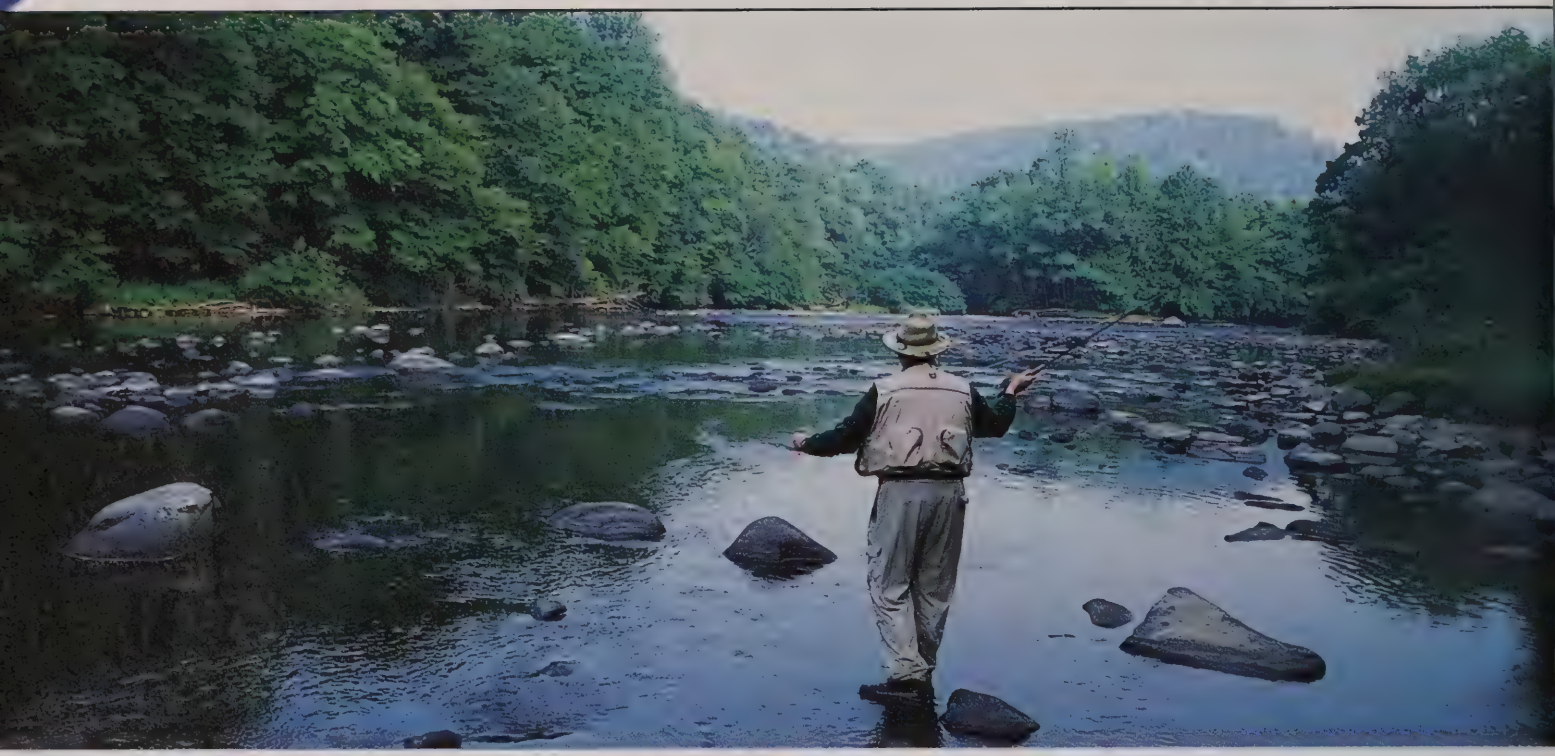
Thick, forested mountains rising out of clear, crisp water make a long stroke and a bubbly kick a remarkable experience. Although the seven lakes offer a variety of water sports, swimming is the most common. There are sandy, life-guarded beaches at Herrington Manor, and New Germany State Parks, Broadford Lake Park, Jennings Randolph, and the Youghiogheny Lake—and, naturally, Deep Creek Lake. All have picnicking facilities and bathhouses.

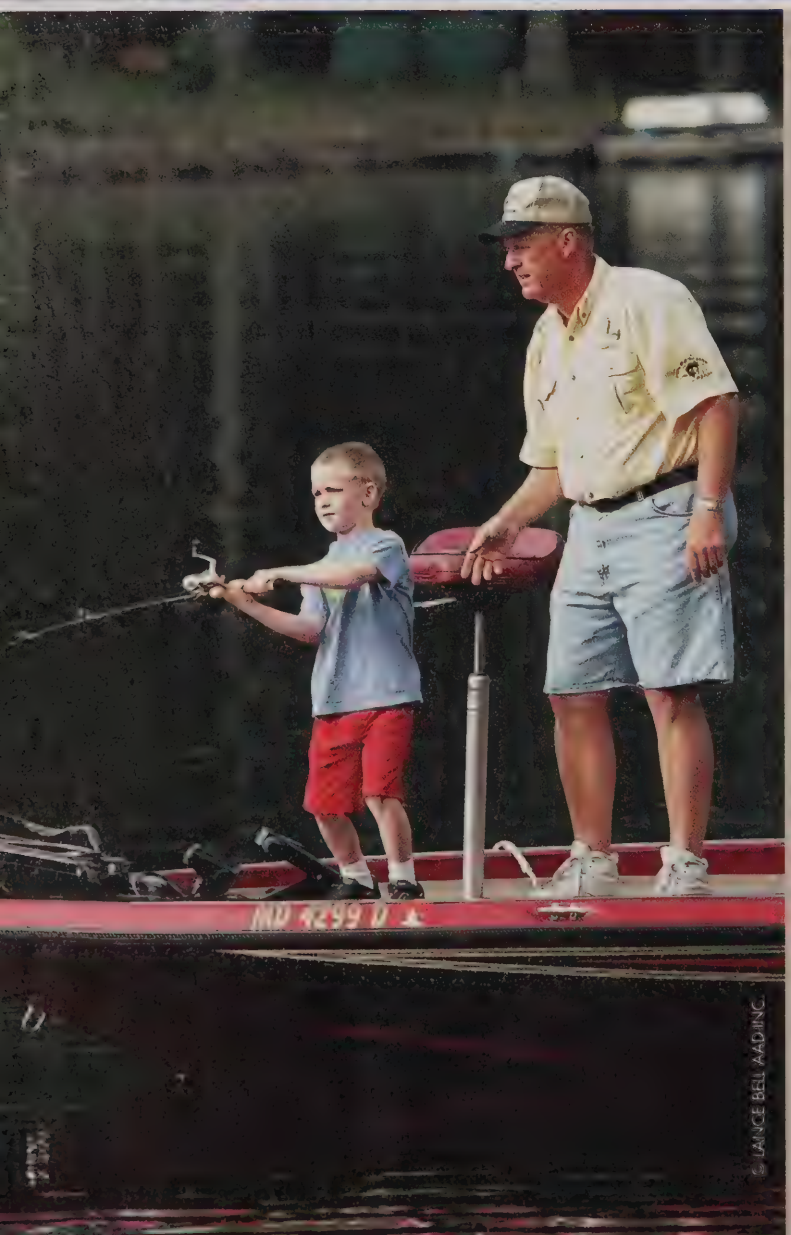
Wakeboarding

Zooming along behind a boat on skis is one thing, but a wakeboard gives a whole other thrill. Deep Creek has made a name for itself with the annual Bust Largness Wakeboard Contest, which draws competitors from far and wide each August. Rent your own boards from a shop in McHenry. Keep in mind that all ski boats must have an observer (at least 12 years old), and you must keep your boat and skier at least 100 feet from shore, docks, and other boats.

Waterskiing

Visit Deep Creek, Jennings Randolph, or Youghiogheny River lakes for great skiing. And if this wild ride is new to you, several outlets provide waterskiing lessons. Wetsuits, which are available at several retail shops, can make waterskiing more enjoyable and extend your ski season by several months. Ski boats, equipment, and instruction are all available on Deep Creek Lake from marinas and local outfitters—see Recreation Chart for particulars. Remember to give a wide berth to other boats and keep at least 100 feet from shore.





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Go Fish!

Whether you're hooked on the sport or can't wait to cast a line, the waters of Garrett County hold great appeal for everyone from highly skilled fly fishermen to the kids with a stick and a string.

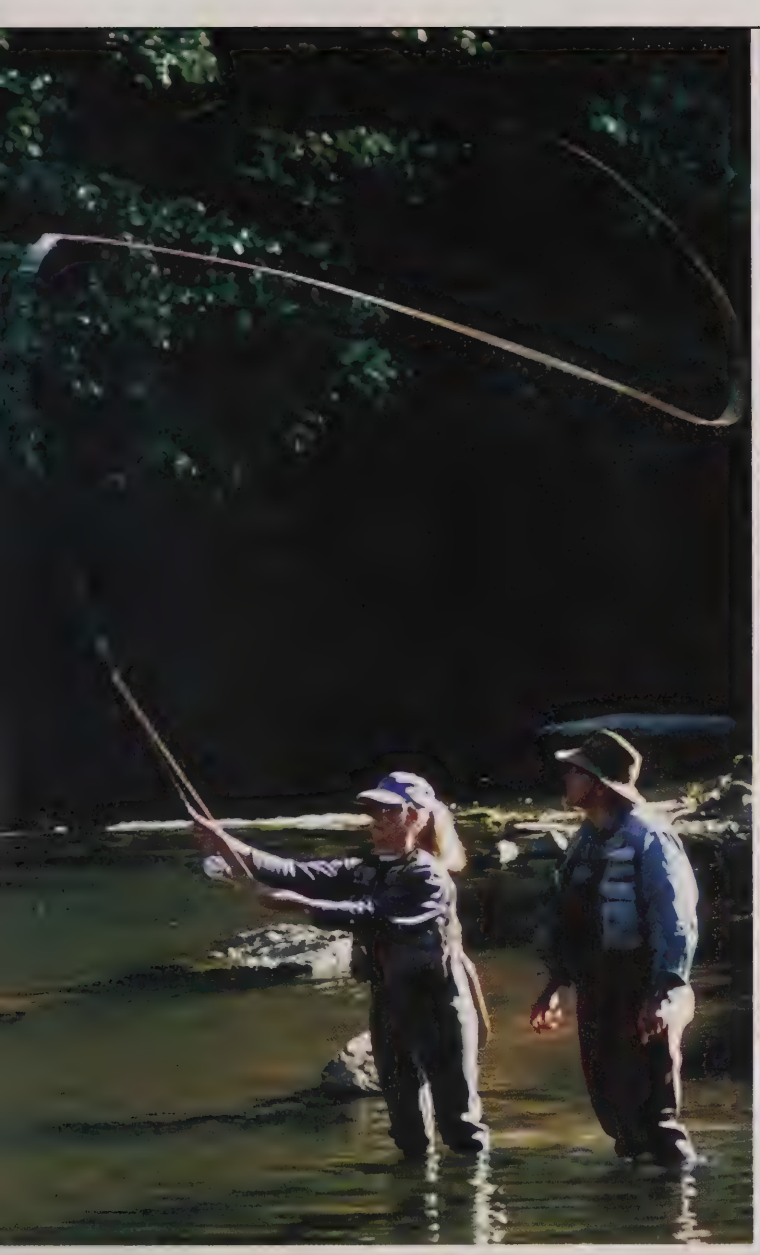
Fishing

You can cast a line into any of the numerous Garrett County streams, known for world-class trout fishing, and you'll have an excellent chance to snag brown, rainbow, and brook trout. Special regulation areas on the Savage and Casselman rivers, numerous stocked streams, and a multitude of native brook trout streams provide anglers with a variety of quality trout fishing possibilities. For a list of stocked streams and applicable regulations, consult the Maryland Sportfishing Guide, available from businesses that sell fishing licenses. Also check the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for regular fishing reports: www.dnr.state.md.us/outdoors/fishing.html.

Fly Fishing

The added allure of fly fishing has really taken hold in Garrett County, with its four world-famous rivers: the wild and scenic Youghiogheny (Yough), North Branch of the Potomac, Savage, and Casselman. All Maryland state record trout were caught in Garrett County. A detailed Fly Fishing brochure, including hatches, is available at the Visitors Center of the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce, 301-387-4386 or www.flyfishmaryland.com. The DNR Regional Fisheries Office is located on Kings Run Road, 301-334-8218, or visit www.dnr.state.md.us/fisheries.

Access to the North Branch tail water is through the small town of Elk Garden, W. Va., south of Kitzmiller, Md., and down into the river-valley town of Barnum. It is now also



accessible via the new Paul S. Sarbanes trail from the Maryland side of the river. It is recommended that you consult a map before setting out. Maryland and West Virginia have a reciprocal agreement on the North Branch—a valid license from either state is recognized on both sides of the river.

Ice Fishing

Even during those hard winters, fishermen can still get hooked: There are numerous opportunities on Deep Creek Lake and Savage River Reservoir for "hard water fishing." Bore a hole and drop a line: yellow perch and walleye provide most of the action, but other species, such as northern pike, trout, pickerel, crappie, and bass are frequently caught. Ice augers and equipment may be rented at some businesses (check out DC Outfitters and Bill's Outdoor Center); check the Sportfishing Guide for additional information. And be sure to check with the locals: Ice should be at least several inches thick for safe fishing.

It's a Record!

The 46th Annual Garrett County Fishing Contest sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce & Deep Creek Outfitters was held May 1 through September 30, 2006. (The 2007 contest runs the same dates.) Plaques are given for the season's largest catches, and weekly winners are awarded a certificate.

Bluegill: 1 lb., 11"
Brown Trout: 7 lbs., 2 oz., 22 1/2"
Chain Pickerel: 3 lbs., 12 oz., 26 5/8"
Crappie: 1 lb., 12 oz., 15"
Largemouth Bass: 5 lbs., 20"
Northern Pike: 12 lbs., 12 oz., 40"
Rainbow Trout: 9 lbs., 2 oz., 28"
Smallmouth Bass: 3 lbs., 8 oz., 20 1/8"
Walleye: 6 lbs., 8 oz., 28"
Yellow Perch: 1 lb., 4 oz., 14 1/2"

Free Fishing Days

The Maryland Department of Nature Resources (DNR) offers several "free" days—no freshwater fishing license required. This year's dates are: June 2, June 9, and July 4, 2007.

2005-2006 Garrett County Ice Fishing Records

Blue Gill: 1 lb., 10 1/2"
Brown Trout: 1 lb., 8 oz., 15 3/4"
Chain Pickerel: 7 lbs, 31"
Crappie: 1 lb., 8 oz., 15"
Largemouth Bass: 4 lbs.,18 1/2"
Northern Pike: 12 lbs., 9 oz., 35"
Rainbow Trout: 3 lbs., 12 oz., 23 1/2"
Smallmouth Bass: 1 lb., 15 oz., 16 1/4"
Walleye: 6 lbs., 1 oz., 26 1/2"
Yellow Perch: 1 lb., 9 oz., 14"

Deep Creek Lake

Heart of Garrett County, owned by the state of Maryland and maintained by the Department of Natural Resources, is the recreation jewel of year-round activities, and geared toward the boating life.

Dimensions: Extends 13 miles
Surface Area: 3,900 acres, with 65 miles of shoreline
Depths: Maximum around 75 feet; average 25 feet
Boat Rentals: See Recreation Chart on page 58 for specifics.
Facilities: Numerous lakefront home rentals are available (see Accommodations section, page 89.) The town of McHenry on the eastern end of the lake is the major hub for services; there is a public boat launch at Deep Creek State Park, south of Meadow Mountain. The Visitors Center in McHenry also provides a full "Travel by Boat" brochure; more than thirty commercial businesses offer dock service.
Contact: 301-387-4111 or www.visitdeepcreek.com

Broadford Lake

Near the town of Oakland

Surface Area: 138 acres
Boat Rentals: non-motorized boats only; call park office
Facilities: Fishing, swimming, biking, canoeing, and kayaking. One boat ramp; rental boats are available at the park's concession stand. Gasoline-powered outboard motors are prohibited. Facilities available for large group picnics and family gatherings.
Contact: 301-334 -2691or www.dnr.state.md.us/fisheries/recreational/fwhotbroadfordlake.html

Lake Facts

Three major area lakes provide an abundance of space for water sports of all varieties, from boating and waterskiing to swimming and fishing. Numerous small lakes (such as the 25-acre lake in Herrington Manor State Park) also offer boating and fishing opportunities; see Parks chart for additional info.

River Facts

World-class recreation on the four world-class rivers in Garrett County begins where the lakes leave off, offering numerous opportunities for great fly-fishing, canoeing/kayaking, or rushing down a rush of rapids.

Casselman River

The Casselman is a nationally known fly-fishing area, offering easy access to and wading in its fairly wide stream, providing a wide variety of habitat types. It actually flows north, parallel to the Youghiogheny River. Anglers will find long productive riffle sections, deep runs, large deep holes, and even some pocket water. The Casselman offers great spring dry fly action and is regularly stocked with net-pen reared brown and rainbow trophy trout. There are spring and fall catch & release seasons. Part of the Maryland Park Service

Herrington Manor State Park

Surface Area: 53 acres
Boat Rentals: non-motorized boats only; call park office
Facilities: Boat launch, boat rental, cabins, fishing, food/drink, park office, parking, picnicking, restrooms, shelters, playgrounds, and swimming.
Contact: 301-334-9180 or www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/western/herringtonmanor.html

Jennings Randolph Lake

In the county's southeastern quadrant, sharing the border with West Virginia
Dimensions: Extends 5.5 miles upstream
Surface Area: 952 acres
Boat Rentals: none available; bring your own
Facilities: two launch areas with floating docks, restrooms, fishing pier, picnic areas with pavilion and sports courts; 82 campsites with electrical and water hook-ups; scenic overlooks, including the Waffle Rock site, the new Paul S. Sarbanes trail system.
Contact: 304-355-2346 or visit www.nab.usace.army.mil/recreation/jenran/recinfo.htm

New Germany State Park

Surface Area: 13 acres
Boat Rentals: non-motorized boats only; call park office
Facilities: Boat launch, boat rental, cabins, cross-country skiing, campfire programs, camp sites, camp store, dump station, fishing, flat water canoeing, hiking trail, historic interest, picnic, shelters, swimming, playgrounds, nature center.
Contact: 301-895-5453 or www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/western/newgermany.html

Savage River Reservoir

Dimensions: 5 miles
Surface Area: 350 acres
Boat Rentals: none available; bring your own
Facilities: Boat launch sites at Big Run State Park, Dry Run Road and Savage River Road; guarded, sandy beach, picnic areas, restrooms. Biking trails, cross-country skiing, campsites, fishing and fly-fishing, flat water and whitewater canoeing, hiking trail, historic interest, hunting, picnic, riding trails, shelters, snowmobiling.
Contact: 301-895-5759 or www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/western/savageriver.html

Youghiogheny River Lake

In Garrett's northwest corner, the basin of Pennsylvania's popular whitewater rafting/kayaking river run extending over the county line
Dimensions: Extends 16 miles
Surface Area: Covers 2,840 acres
Boat Rentals: Marina at Somerfield South
Facilities: Eight launch areas with docks, restrooms, swimming areas, and numerous other amenities; three campgrounds, from modern to primitive.
Contact: 814-395-3242 or 814-395-3166, or visit www.lrp.usace.army.mil; click on recreation.

and supervised by New Germany State Park, the Casselman wanders beautifully through scenic Amish farm country. For more information, call 301-895-5453.

North Branch of the Potomac River

The North Branch forms the border between Maryland and West Virginia from its origin at the Fairfax Stone downstream to its confluence with the Potomac South Branch. Anglers refer to this as the "Grand Slam" river because of the different varieties of trout you can catch and the numerous amounts of state record-sized fish (trout topping 12 pounds have been taken). The Maryland Fisheries Service initiated a trout stocking program in two different management zones, totaling twenty-one miles upstream of Jennings Randolph Lake. About fourteen miles are stocked for harvest under put-and-take regulations, while about seven miles within the Potomac State Forest are managed under delayed harvest regulations. Below Jennings Randolph Lake is fourteen miles of cutthroat trout habitat. The North Branch is also used on a limited basis for beginner whitewater rafters immediately following dam releases. The river is monitored by the Maryland DNR. 301-334-8218.

Savage River

This first large tributary of the North Branch of the Potomac winds through Savage River State Forest, surrounded by parks, forest, and camping areas. It is a destination for whitewater paddling and slalom racing; it's even been used for the United States Olympic Trials. The Savage, an easy access pocket water river, is nationally recognized for its head and tail water catch & release trout fishing. Naturally reproducing brown and brook trout share this habitat with stocked trophy-size fish. It is controlled by Savage River State Forest personnel. 301-895-5453.

Youghiogheny River

The Wild and Scenic Yough (pronounced "Yock") River begins in Garrett County and travels to the Gulf of Mexico via the Mississippi River. The riverbed is steep and heavily forested, dropping an average of 100 feet in elevation per mile—the result is beautiful waterfalls and enticing rapids. It is an exceptional recreational area for all outdoor activities, including paddling and fishing, hiking and biking along the banks. When the water is high, there are twenty-three Class IV and V rapids for rafting or expert kayaking. At lower levels, it is a tremendous trout habitat full of trophy fish. There are plenty of fingerling plants with dependable caddis and midge hatches. It is a part of the Maryland Park Service and supervised by Deep Creek Lake State Park. 301-387-5563.

Tour the Heart of the County

The real stuff that is Mountain Maryland means meeting a whole bunch of friendly people. Set off in search of the something special in Garrett County, from its people to nature at its best, on specialty tours and adventures for men and women alike.

"Joints" and Country Stores

Proud and protective of their pristine lands, the friendly folk brighten at the prospect of relating a tale or two of their rich history. Meander through the backroads to discover the locals on your own. Stop at the "joints," quaint little restaurants and bars, each with its own character and characters, for simple décor, comfort food, and friendly, smiling service that will make you forget fast food. Country stores dot the "back roads," like Rt. 495, Rt. 135, U.S. 219 south of Oakland, and New Germany Road in the north. Freshly made snacks, meat, butter and cheese fresh from the farm, and baked goods hot from the oven, pull you in with their aroma alone.

Mine Local History

The Coal Heritage Trail, one of the Mountain Maryland Scenic Byways, traces industrial age sites with names like Mt. Savage and Eckhart Mines in Allegany County to the railroad town of Oakland, headquarters for the empire of John Garrett, sixth president of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, for whom the county was named.

Guys' Getaways

Guys go for the gusto in rugged Garrett County. Camp or stay in your own six-bedroom rental home, with all the toys: hot tubs, indoor and outdoor pools, billiard and ping pong tables, saunas, game room wet bars, even your own movie theater. Then go off for some adventurous whitewater rafting, snowshoeing, ice fishing, dog sledding, waterskiing, and mountain biking.

Girls' Getaways

Plan that great girls' weekend, made special with some amazing pampering. Rent a new lakefront condo and treat yourself to wine by the fireplace, late night giggles and gabs in the hot tub, soothing massages and health treatments, long walks in quiet woods, topped off with a boisterous night on the town.

Mountain Maryland's Scenic Byways

Four of Maryland's Scenic Byways are found in Mountain Maryland—pick up the special state-published guidebook at the Visitors Center to take you through numerous scenic spots. One is the Glades, showcasing Deep Creek Lake and winding through three state parks. Don't miss Cranesville Swamp, a natural wonder of a sub-arctic bog known for its rare bird species, or the Cunningham Swamp Scenic Byway and historic markers noting French & Indian War and Civil notable points. Probably the smallest of all Civil War forts, Fort Alice, is marked just west of Oakland.

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White frosted windows and crackling fireplaces overlooking snow-laden pine trees, quiet forest trails, and the wild schuss of skis on a wide open mountain run. Whether it's downhill skiing or cross-country, sledding or tubing, or the old-fashioned fun of sleigh rides, snowshoes, and dogsledding, Garrett County's got you covered with white winterland fun.

Hit The Slopes...

Whether your passion is downhill or cross-country, Garrett County is a ski haven.

Downhill Goes Upscale

Wisp Resort has been setting the standard for ski services since Ace Heise founded his dream way back in 1955. Over the last six years, the present owners have spent upwards of $32 million to make the already popular resort even better. And just last year, to celebrate its 50th anniversary, the resort added an entirely new alpine trail system to its 22 existing trails. The new North Camp, on the northwest side of the mountain, offers ten trails and a variety of terrain, from beginner to black diamond, welcoming skiers as well as snowboarders. It includes two new quad ski-lifts and state-of-the-art snowmaking. Count on Wisp for the best snow conditions in the Mid-Atlantic. With one of the most extensive snowmaking systems in the East and additional water from Deep Creek Lake, Wisp can keep 90 percent of the trails open without Mother Nature.

Naturally, all equipment is available right at the resort—contact 301-387-4911or www.wispresort.com for general guidelines, snow information, and a host of information on the other snow activities (tubing, snowshoeing, etc.) as well as the spa and numerous kids' programs. Rentals are also available off-resort at sports equipment outlets—see recreation chart for particulars.

Kick Up Your Heels with Cross-Country

If quiet forests are more your skiing style, there is plenty of opportunity in Garrett with well-groomed trails in several state forests. New Germany State Park (301-895-5453) within the Savage River State Forest offers is the perfect spot for novices on two trails along Poplar Lick Run (more challenging trails also available). Herrington Manor State Park (301-334-9180) also offers groomed trails; all the parks also provide warming lodges (in addition to safe haven and toasty woodstoves, they also have trail maps, and information on weather and snow conditions). Reasonable rentals are available at concessions at the parks. Check out maps and additional information at www.dnr.state.md.us/outdoors/; click on winter sports.

Several local lodges are near groomed trails within the Savage River State Forest; some even rent equipment; some golf courses and farms also open their grounds to cross-country skiers during the winter. Check with local outfitters; some offer ecotours and/or lessons along with equipment.

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Dogsledding/Sleigh Rides

Non-skiers can still schuss through the snow—and let beautiful dogs do all the work! Two companies have recently brought dogsledding to the Deep Creek area for those times when a good snow cover is on the ground (six inches and up). But there are even dog cart rides (on wheels or specially designed "dry sleds") for those times when the snowfall doesn't cooperate.

You can also snuggle up under the blanket as you dash through the snow on an old-fashioned one-horse open sleigh ride. And it's even dreamier at sunset or across a moonlit field.

Ice Fishing/Ice Climbing

Check with local outfitters for these deep winter activities, available only during extremely cold winters.

Sledding and Tubing

Be a kid again and jump on that Flexible Flyer for pure winter joy. If you forget your sled, don't worry. Stop at Herrington Manor State Park (301-334-9180) and rent one for $3 (half day; $6 full day). Pick from several of the sled hills in the park.

If you want the thrill of the ride down, but hate the walk up, head to the Bear Claw Snow Tubing Park at Wisp Resort, where two surface lifts pull tubes and their riders up the hill. And no special equipment is required—just warm clothes and smiles! (No scarves or loose clothing, please.) Children must be 42 inches tall to ride. The park is open seven days a week throughout the winter season; two-hour sessions are the norm. It's also available for private parties and group sessions. For info, contact Wisp at 301-387-4911 or visit www.wispresort.com.

Snowboarding

Get extreme with the fun runs at Wisp. The Pro Terrain Park offers high-adrenaline fun for everyone; the park has hosted a series of competitions, including the Terrain Park snow series. A set of thrilling fun boxes and rails, from small potatoes at five feet to more towering forty-foot jumps, make Wisp the spot for snowboarding prowess—check out the Terrain Gardens, the Super Pipe (with its overall length of more than 400 feet and a 17-foot radius), and the Whip Saw Terrain Trail. Snowboarding is allowed on all of the Wisp downhill ski runs; snowboard rentals are available there as well as off-resort at several sports equipment outlets.

Snowmobiling

Surge through snowbanks and forests with a touch of the throttle on a snowmobile. They are permitted in state forests—Potomac and Garrett—on specific trails. (Check the maps at www.dnr.state.md.us/outdooradventures/snow1.html for the Potomac River and Garrett trails.) Permits are required ($15/year, available at state park offices). Some local businesses offer guided tours on private trails.

Snowshoeing

Quiet yet exhilarating, snowshoeing offers a hike in the woods without the skill and strength required for cross-country skiing. Groomed trails aren't a requirement for this sport—if you can walk, you can snowshoe! Most outlets that rent skis also have snowshoes, both at Wisp and off-resort, including at local parks: Deep Creek Lake State Park, Swallow Falls, and Herrington Manor. Potomac and Garrett State Forests also offer tours, as well as a few local ecotour businesses. (See Recreation Chart for particulars.)

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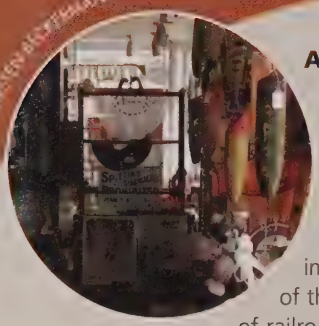
Indoors in the Great Outdoors

If rain, rain won't go away, never fear: The outdoor paradise offers as much to do inside.



Antiquing

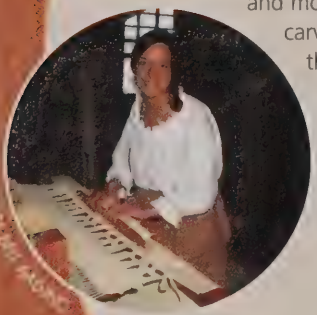
Fourteen antiques shops grace Garrett County (with twenty-five additional in nearby counties). Find treasures of farmhouse furnishings, European imports, Victorian remnants of the palatial summer retreats of railroad barons. Amish and Shaker furniture abounds—"new" made in old ways. Antique shows and auctions pop up regularly, in addition to numerous flea markets.

Nature on Display

Look a bear or a wolf straight in the eye, hold a snake, touch a fossil thousands of years old. For these exciting adventures, just head to the Discovery Center. Naturalists will give you the inside skinny on the lake and local terrain. Learn folklore, and enjoy nature programs at several additional places around the county, or just indulge your gardening passions at local shops.

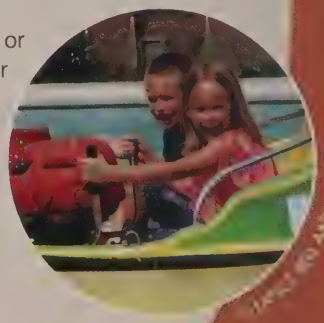
Artists at Work

Craftspeople ply their trade in historic buildings in Spruce Forest Artisan Village; see a working mill and more. Check out galleries of a fine bird carver, amazing glassworkers creating their art, sculptors, and painters. Hit the theater in Oakland; catch some music under the tent.



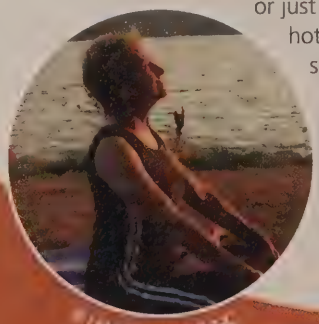
Let the Kids Go Wild

The flashing lights and buzzing of an arcade, or zing of laser tag might not thrill you, but your kids will be in heaven. Dress up the whole family—and take home a memory—at an old-time photo studio. End the afternoon with a visit to one of the several ice cream parlors, to be found all around the county.



A Bit of Pampering

Who cares if the weather is misty—head to the spa for a steam bath! Numerous day spas and massage services are available. Indulge yourself with a facial, massage, body wrap, or just a dip in an indoor pool or hot tub. Get that tan even if the sun doesn't shine. Relaxing music, scented candles, and every fancy beauty product you can think of are here for the taking.



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If skies turn gray, or if your idea of vacation simply does not include an adrenaline rush, turn to a different kind of fun for a day. Sample galleries or the artfulness of a vineyard; enjoy a banjo picker, or a Civil War reenactment, or colonial landmark. There's a tapestry of choices for more mindful adventures.

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Step Back in Time

Prehistoric wonders join colonial and 19th-century treasures to make the hearts of history lovers of all eras skip a beat.

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History Comes to Life in Garrett

Rich beginnings

Garrett County was formed from its neighbor to the east, Allegany County, in 1872, the last of Maryland's counties to be established. But the county, bordered by Pennsylvania and West Virginia, is equally rich in history. From the B&O Railroad Station to the National Road, Garrett County offers visitors a wealth of historic experiences.

Nartural history makes a special mark in Garrett County. Hoye Crest (named for the historical society founder) is Maryland's highest point; an Ice Age relic, the Cranesville Subarctic Swamp, is still home to prehistoric bogs and forests. Our region boasts everything from 18th-century border markers to a range of restored 19th-century architecture and historic bridges—the Casselman River Bridge was once the largest single-span stone arch in the world.

Lake Beginnings

Deep Creek Lake, the county's most popular tourist attraction, is its activity hub. Maryland's largest freshwater lake—at 3,900 acres—is part mother nature, part human ingenuity. The Youghiogheny Hydro-Electric Corporation crafted the lake, using the surrounding streams, to generate electrical power. Construction began on November 1, 1923, with a thousand men. Two-and-a-half years later, in May 1925, the electric plant began operation. At its deepest, the lake is 75 feet and has a 65-mile shoreline. Today, Deep Creek Lake is owned by the state of Maryland and maintained by the Department of National Resources (DNR). The popular area is used year-round by visitors and residents alike.

Garrett County Historical Museum

Begin at the Garrett County Historical Museum on Second Street in Oakland for a regional overview. As part of its setting in Dailey Park, the museum retains the porch façade, gas house, and gazebo of the historic Deer Park Hotel, a former grande dame of lodgings. Capture a glimpse into the lives of the early settlers and more recent residents of the mountain communities. The museum is staffed by local volunteers. Call 301-334-3226 for information and hours.

Casselman Inn/Casselman River Bridge

The cattlemen and settlers headed west in the early 19th century in coach and wagon through the wilds of Garrett County, mostly along the National Road. In 1813, the Casselman River Bridge was built near Grantsville to expedite that journey. Then, it was the largest single-span stone arch bridge in the world, earning it a listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Naturally, much grew up around this important juncture, including several hostelries and Stanton's Mill. Built in 1797 and used continuously until 1994, the mill has now been restored and once again grinds meals and flours from locally grown and imported grains. A cultural area and artisans' village, the Spruce Forest Artisan Village, occupies the parkland surrounding the bridge, and you can still settle in to the historic Casselman Inn, built in 1842, for a meal and a bed in the tradition of the old drovers. 301-895-5055 or www.thecasselman.com.

Cranesville Subarctic Swamp

Walk in the footsteps of prehistoric creatures in the 850-acre wetland along the border of West Virginia. It was one of the first National Natural Landmarks to be designated by the National Park Service, in 1965. It's been described as "a small piece of forest and bog that remained behind after the Ice Age," formed nearly 15,000 years ago. Now owned by the Nature Conservancy, it's not much different than in that time—wild and still home to a range of species of plants usually found in the extreme northern areas of Alaska and Canada, the southernmost point for larch tree forests. A boardwalk crosses the swamp, and six trails wind through this unusual tundra region. For more information, see www.nature.org and click on Where We Work.

Oakland—A Cultural Evolution

Oakland started as a trading point for people traveling on the National Road. Lumber and coal were the town's main industries—boosted by the B&O Railroad. While the lumber and coal business in Oakland has dwindled, the town has reinvented itself. A stroll through town offers the historic Oakland Hotel site and a pedestrian bridge over the headwaters of the Youghiogheny River. The quaint streets look as they may have many years ago, but they are now lined with an eclectic selection of shops, restaurants, and galleries to lure residents and visitors alike. A farmers' market, art gallery, Garrett County Historical Museum, and town theater also offer options for a casual afternoon.

Oakland's restored 1884 B&O Railroad Station, which has been added to the National Register of Historic Places, is now open to the public as a Visitors Center and The Shoppe at Heritage Square. Only a short drive from Deep Creek Lake, Oakland is the perfect stop for shopping and relaxation.

KIRSTEN BECKERMAN

The Historic National Road

THE ROAD THAT BUILT THE NATION

A significant piece of United States history passes through Garrett County—the Historic National Road is the road that built the nation. Known as Nemacolin's Path by the Delaware-Algonquin and Nemacolin Indians, as well as agents of the Ohio Company, the path was widened during the French and Indian War by Gen. Edward Braddock to move more than 2,000 soldiers, 400 horses, and numerous supplies westward. On his ill-fated march to Fort Duquesne near Pittsburgh, Braddock met defeat at the Battle of the Monongahela in 1755, and died several days later. George Washington honored him with a eulogy, and the thoroughfare became known as Braddock's Trail.

The road became the basis for the first federally funded route in the country, cut through northern Garrett County in 1811. Renamed the National Road, it became the main route for drovers taking their cattle, geese, and other livestock east to big city markets. Businesses like the Casselman Drover's Inn (remaining as one of the oldest hotels along the route in continuous operation) opened along the way to serve weary travelers.

The highest point along the road is Negro Mountain, named by Col. Thomas Cresap in the 1750s. The colonel and his slave, Nemesis, were tracking a group of American Indians when the slave had a premonition that he would not return. He was offered the opportunity to remain but did not. Cresap's party pursued the Indians, and Nemesis was killed during a fierce battle. The colonel buried his slave, and named the mountain after him.

When the Federal Highway Act provided for a federally funded system of primary routes, the National Road became part of one of the earliest designated routes. Between 1925 and 1926, the National Road became part of U.S. Rt. 40, which eventually became a major route across the entire United States. The county has preserved many of her vistas and buildings along the way; there are twelve markers along the twenty-six miles that run through the region. A map guide for National Road marker displays is available at the Visitors Center.

Drane House

Head to Accident, Md., to visit the oldest residence in Garrett County. The house was built for James and Priscilla Drane and their children some time prior to 1800. The two-story, hand-hewn log structure has been painstakingly restored, and is open to the public for tours by appointment and for special events. Call Accident Town Hall at 301-746-6346.

Fairfax Stone

Small in stature, but large in history, this stone is one of the oldest markers in the United States, and is on the border between West Virginia and Maryland. Now part of a state park carrying its name, it played a prominent role in determining the boundary of Maryland and West Virginia; George Washington marked the headwaters of the Potomac River. Head south on Rt. 219 until you see the signs for Fairfax Stone State Park; it's about two miles off the road.

Friend Family Association's National Heritage Museum

Friendsville, a community along the Youghiogheny, settled by John Friend in 1765, is the oldest of Garrett County's towns. The fine old building on Maple Street now stands as a museum to the time. Friend's family, and families all around the world, are chronicled in documents and photos. It is home to the Friend Family Association of America, and has the Colonel Lester D. Friend, Sr. Historical Library, a genealogical resource, on the second floor (any research must be done on site). Open May to November; for other times and info, contact 301-746-4690 or www.friendfamilyassociation.org.

Our Town Theatre

One of Oakland's jewels, this theater offers plays, musicals, readings, guest artists, classes, and special events to visitors and residents of the area. From the day in 1997 when Jane Avery, an educator in the local school system, bought the building and founded Our Town Theatre (OTT), dramatic arts in the area have had a home. Seasons of plays, musicals, readings, guest artists, classes, and special events have filled the theater, allowing hundreds of people to enjoy the full range of the theatrical experience—from appearing onstage, creating shows from backstage, and appreciating them in the audience.

A true community theatre, OTT has provided a stage for everyone from small children to senior citizens. Young actors in school plays and renowned professional musicians have had equal opportunities to shine in the theater's spotlight. Visit www.ourtowntheatre.org.

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Grantsville Museum

Grantsville's new Community Museum, on the Historic National Road, opened last year in the old town library. The museum features a special photography exhibit documenting the early days of the town and its citizens. Leo Beachy's work is noted for its unique portrayals of laughing children and ordinary citizens at work at a time when most photos were formal, posed shots. It also included important documentation of construction of the National Road in the early 1900s. His unique photos were highlighted in a Maryland Public Television Special, "Images of Maryland, 1900–2000." Along with a fine selection of his photographs, the museum features glass plates and the equipment used by the renowned photographer. The museum also includes exhibits from First State Bank, the initial occupant of the building, in the original bank vault. Other items on display are clothing, toys, glassware, and other historical items from the area.

Maryland's High Point

Hoye-Crest on Backbone Mountain, with an elevation of 3,360 feet, is the highest point in Maryland. A densely forested and serene area, this is a favorite destination of hikers, and was named for Capt. Charles Edward Hoye, founder of the Garrett County Historical Society. Situated close to the state line, the easiest access is from West Virginia's Monongahela National Forest. (Head south on Rt. 219; sign will be on your left.) Don't forget to pick up a certificate near the marker sign, confirming that you made it to the highest point in Maryland. For maps and more information, stop at the Garrett County Visitors Center or call 301-387-4FUN.

The Shoppe at Heritage Square

It's a striking location, setting the historic tone for many of its surroundings. The newly renovated B&O Railroad Station in Oakland opened as The Shoppe at Heritage Square (a partnership between the Chamber of Commerce and the town) in 2004. Inside, find traditional works from quality craftspeople and the products of farmers from Mountain Maryland. Locally made items, including apparel, soaps, stained glass, and pottery, are showcased in an antiques setting (most of those are for sale as well). Delectables like salsas, pepper jellies from local farms, and honey from local hives join offerings of Amish-made jams or stone-ground grains prepared at a local mill. And there's always something for the kids—from trains, books, and puzzles to handmade dolls and dollhouse furniture. 301-334-1243.

The Arts Live in the Mountains

Arts in Action

Art in the Park

Come by boat or car and spend the day on the shores of Deep Creek Lake, viewing local artists' work and activities for the entire family to enjoy, in this annual festival, scheduled for July. Baskets, clocks, fused glass, jewelry, painting, pottery, photography, and much more. Discover live music and festival food on site. Discovery Center, Deep Creek Lake State Park. Free admission. www.deepcreek-times.com/artinthepark. 301-387-7067.

The Gallery

In the evolution of Oakland, the Gallery stands out as a cultural attraction. In its ongoing mission to promote the local arts community, the Garrett County Arts Council exhibits and sells a range of works from more than a hundred regional and county artists. The artwork rotates regularly, in a wide range of media—from oils and watercolors to photography, maps, and pottery, even notecards and small gift items. www.garrettarts.com or 301-334-6580.

Art Glass Tour

The County is known for several artisans that produce world-class artworks in glass, and the annual tour makes a visit to the main stops. Artisans at the world-renowned Simon Pearce Glass Gallery create art from molten glass, all in awe-inspiring view (www.simonpearce.com or 301-334-5277). Glass artist Lou DiCarlo demonstrates techniques used to create art out of tiny pieces of glass in the Stained Glass Gallery, with locations in Mountain Lake Park and Market Square at Deep Creek Lake (www.stainedglass-gallery.net or 301-334-8222). Artist Julie Turrentine, working out of nearby Swanson, also crafts fine glassworks at her studio, Snowbird Creations (www.snowbirdcreations.com or 301-387-462).

An evening of music outdoors, gazing up at the stars, can be the perfect ending to a wonderful day in Garrett County. Several organizations in the county present performances in many different genres—from plays to classical concerts to folk bands. Or perhaps paintings or fine art crafts are your passion; come see artisans in action, and take home a prized piece as a memory and artful addition to your home.

Musical Happenings

Little Yough Music Festival

Bring a picnic dinner, settle back, and enjoy the music at the Little Yough Summer Music Festival. Visitors and locals gather together at these sometimes mellow, other times rockin', Friday night events. Savor the peaceful environment and variety of music: from jazz and Big Band, to folk, rock 'n' roll, and country. The free concerts, developed with the support of the Greater Oakland Business Association, are held at the Mountain Fresh Pavilion in downtown Oakland.

McHenry Highland Festival of Mountain Maryland

Garrett County's major spring celebration includes a full weekend of Celtic fun, music, and variety. One of only 120 Highland festivals in the U.S., the 20th annual celebration will be held on June 1-3, 2007. Two stages offer Celtic music, fiddling, folk, and military tunes. Livestock exhibits, children's games, food, and crafts add to the atmosphere. Garrett County Fairgrounds and other locations. www.highlandfest.info.

Music at Penn Alps

Music at Penn Alps is a summer "mostly classical" series of Saturday evening concerts with guest musicians performing at the Great Hall of Penn Alps, adjacent to Spruce Forest Artisan Village, just east of Grantsville. www.musicatpennalps.org 301-895-5985.

Music on the Mountain

This summer's musical series is highlighted by the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, with concerts at the Wisp Resort on July 13 and 14, as Marvin Hamlisch joins in for a pops performance. The 2007 season also will feature the Preservation Hall Jazz Band, Fiddlekicks, the Philadelphia Classical Guitar Trio with flamenco dancer Anna Menendez, Appalachian clogging, and Chu-Fang Huang, as well as assorted other musical events. Check out www.artsandentertainment.org for a detailed schedule or call 301-387-3082.

Spruce Forest Artisan Village

Nestled in a cluster of trees off the National Road, a group of artisans work away in ancient structures. A one-room schoolhouse, a 1776 summer kitchen, and one-time farm garage are all now eclectic studios for a wide array of artisans. Created in the 1950s as a support network for Appalachian artists, Spruce Forest is prospering and continually drawing visitors from the National Road and the newer U.S. Rt. 68. (Musical offerings sing out at the adjacent Penn Alps; see below.) www.spruceforest.org or 301-895-3332.

Deep Creek Lake Art and Wine Festival

This festive September weekend celebrates the wonders of Maryland wines, starting with the Friday night kick-off, when several local dining spots feature special menus and the wines to accompany them. Saturday's myriad activities bring in fine arts and crafts, complemented by live entertainment. Hand-crafted jewelry, photography, paintings and painted furniture, and more await with the culinary adventures. From hayrides to horse-drawn carriages, the whole family can revel in fall fun at the Garrett County Fairgrounds (even as the parents pick up some of their favorite vintages from celebrity pourers). This year's three-day event rolls out, rain or shine, on September 7; all proceeds benefit the American Red Cross. 301-387-4386.

40th Annual Autumn Glory Festival

If there's one time to hit town, this is it, but plan to arrive early. This major five-day celebration each October turns the entire region into a huge fall festival, from Oakland to the Deep Creek Lake area—Rt. 219 even gets closed down for the big parade on Saturday. Find fun in eating (ice-cream eating contests and a slew of vendors) and crafts and arts (artisans, musicians, banjo and mandolin championships). There are Octoberfest parties—complete with oompah bands and German cuisine—and paintball games, corn mazes, and oh so much more. A huge antiques show brings in dealers from all over in a three-day fun event at the Armory. This is the Chamber's biggest fundraiser. Get the complete schedule from www.visitdeepcreek.com.

Garrett Lakes Arts Festival (GLAF)

Though its name suggests a singular event, the Garrett Lakes Arts Festival is a premier presenter of the performing arts in Garrett County. GLAF, which celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2006, starts with a mission "to present a repertoire of high-quality arts performances and arts education that is accessible to and suitable for a diverse audience." Music abounds in every style, from brass bands and soldiers' chorus to Appalachian bluegrass and classical violin. Dance and drama also take center stage—don't be surprised if Leonardo da Vinci or Henry Ford take the stage in their own one-man shows. GLAF rolls out numerous presentations from March through September; performances generally take place at Garrett College in McHenry, though recitals and classes take place at additional venues.The GLAF also sponsors workshops for all ages and tastes, in everything from voice to drawing. www.artsandentertainment.org.

Top 10 Events

There's not a month that goes by without some festival or musical fun, but here are the true "not to miss" happenings. There are dozens more; contact the Visitors Center or the website www.visitdeepcreek.com for the complete rundown and additional information on these highlights.

June 2, 2007
McHenry Highland Festival
A Celtic celebration with bagpipe bands, musical entertainment, exhibits, Scottish athletic games, re-enactors and much more.

June 14, 2007
The Flag on Mountain Maryland
A patriotic celebration with music, a Living American flag and military performances.

July 4, 2007
Fire on the Mountain
Fireworks on top of Marsh Mountain at Wisp, with Uno Chicago Grill

July 20-21, 2007
Tri-State Relief Sale
Amish quilt auction, unbelievable handmade huge quilts, food and much more.

August 11-18, 2007
Garrett County Agriculture Fair
A real rural celebration with livestock shows, midway, food and entertainment.

September 7-9, 2007
Art & Wine Festival
Taste regional and national wines and enjoy the works of area artists with music in the background.

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October 10-14, 2007
Autumn Glory Festival
Five days of parades, music, craft shows, contests, and lots of fun add to the enjoyment of fall in Mountain Maryland.

November 15-December
Holiday Season
Christmas on Main Street, Christmas in the Village, Christmas on Alder Street, and much more.

January 13-15, 2008
Winterblast
Sports Illustrated Next Snow Search Competition, concert, wacky races, and more.

February 23-25, 2008
Deep Creek Dunk, Freezin' for a Reason
at Deep Creek Lake, Governor's Cup, Skier & Riders Race, Maryland Special Olympics Winter Games.

Treasures Without the Mall

You might have come for the boating, the skiing, the fall color. But there are unique treasures to be found when the shopping bug bites, surprises and great finds for everyone in the family. The county, steeped in history, is home to traditional works and great antiques. But there are the trappings of a fine getaway as well, from books for relaxing to the latest snowboard or fashionable ski jacket. As they say, there is one of everything here...all within a few minutes' drive.

Check www.visitdeepcreek.com for a full list of stores by type, or pick up a "Specialty Shopping" brochure at the Visitors Center.

KIRSTEN BECKERMAN

Made For You: Arts, Crafts, and More

Creative and unique are the words for the quality finds in a host of studios and specialty gift shops in and around town. Glass creations, from jewelry to clocks, are featured in specialty studios—often, the artists are there so you can watch your treasure being made. Amish-made quilts and hand-carved furniture add a unique touch to your home furnishings. You can even find Native American crafts, from turquoise creations to traditional pottery, right on the shores of Deep Creek.

Wear It Well

Whether a hand-knit sweater or a finely tooled riding boot, you'll find it at the myriad specialty shops around the county, especially along small-town Main Streets. Lovely handmade alpaca shawls and scarves will delight, as will handmade tie-dyed dresses and shirts. An amazing range of outdoor gear is here to ready you for that lake or mountain adventure, from downhill or cross-country ski togs and goggles to hiking pants, golf shirts, swimwear, and sunglasses. That souvenir sweatshirt or T-shirt is available all over, from resorts to gourmet shops.

Antiquing At Its Best

Spend an afternoon or a week exploring more than twenty different antiques shops in Garrett County, offering oldies but goodies from several eras. (Many visitors combine trips to Pennsylvania and West Virginia antiquing centers.) Unique pieces abound, from Hoosier cupboards and Victorian chests, hickory rockers and postcards, kitchen collectibles and Depression glass, Jade-ite jewelry and old trains. Check for local auctions for an afternoon of fun, and to find those special treasures.

KIRSTEN BECKERMAN

Eat, Drink, and be Merry!

Skiing the day long, hiking mountain trails, shooting the rapids, even that strenuous hammock rocking—all work up quite an appetite. Luckily, Garrett County serves the gourmet palate in a big way, offering everything from a casual lunch to fine dining, to serve all kinds of discriminating tastes. You're on vacation, so eating out is part of the fun. Find a pub, grab some pizza or a sub, or settle down to a gourmet meal—all bases are covered in Garrett County.

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Check out the Restaurant Chart
...for dining and late-night options
Dining/Entertainment ads follow

At Your Service:

To get a real sampling of the foods of the county, try "A Taste of Garrett County," held each May at the Lodge at Wisp. Foods and beverages prepared, produced, or served by local businesses are the main attraction, but it's extra special that a good hunk of the proceeds go to maintain local trails.

The Casual "Grab a Bite"

What with waterskiing or the ski slopes beckoning, there's no time for a sit-down, and Deep Creek and environs offer a host of casual options. There are locally grown pizza, subs, and burger carry-outs (with a few chains dotting the region) and family restaurants that make a mean chicken nugget or spaghetti dinner (and great ribs, Mexican, and Chinese to boot). Local gourmet shops fix up everything from homemade soups and fresh egg salad to special foccacia sandwiches, or pick up some specialty cheeses and meats for your own picnic lunch. Some will even prepare those box lunches for you, so you're ready to go—in style.

Fine Dining, with a Special Vintage

Gourmet cooking is no stranger to the county; several lodges and resorts have brought in talented chefs who create their nightly masterpieces with local fare, from French to contemporary. They have also introduced fine wine lists to complement the menus, with numerous selections from the host of nearby vineyards. Many a leisurely afternoon can be spent right at the vineyard at a tasting.

Deep Creek Unique

The good news for boaters is that the lake and its restaurants were planned with you in mind; several provide docking for your boat. In addition, many local eating venues are pet friendly in outdoor areas; see Restaurant Chart for specifics.

A Little Local Flavor

Don't miss the special local tastes stemming from a strong regional heritage, from German family fare to numerous spots with a strong Mennonite/Amish influence. From unique pumpkin rolls to homemade pies and muffins, the sweet tooth is well-served here. Special homemade ice creams in a range of unusual flavors will tempt mom, dad, and kid alike.

Do-It-Yourself, with Style

If you're inclined to cook up hotdogs over the campfire, or enjoy the extravagances of those gourmet kitchens outfitted for the finest chef, Garrett County has all the provisions you could ever need. From high-end imported and domestic delicacies to ready-to-heat gourmet foods and made-to-order sandwiches and subs, it's all available here. Local farms even offer world-class artisan cheeses.

I Love the Night Life

You gotta eat, but Deep Creek also feeds the fun part of the psyche, with music and pubs and cocktails, with light fare, at a range of late night spots. Top dance bands from Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Baltimore, and Virginia come to the mountains, and everything from rock 'n' roll to country rolls out at taverns all around the county. Pubs also feature pool, foosball, trivia and additional bar games.

Fun for the Family

In between splashing in the lake or learning to ski, the kids may need a different kind of diversion. Garrett County offers plenty to keep them busy no matter what the weatherman says. A family evening at the movies could be followed by a fierce game of laser tag. And for the animal lovers in your clan, a horseback riding lesson or tour of a working farm might be just the thing to make their day. There's sure to be something to please even the pickiest little person in your bunch.

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Check out the Recreation Chart

ALSO see State Parks Chart on page 54; Restaurant chart on page 76
Recreation and Restaurant ads follow

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Activity Centers

Lots of fun—all in one spot! The young and the young at heart will have a great time at several Deep Creek Lake-area activity centers, entertainment hubs that combine the fast-paced fun of go-karts with the challenge of mini-golf or laser tag, and the giggles of an arcade; some offer bumper cars, and batting cages. Go military with a round of paintball, test your mountain skills at several climbing walls.

A multiplex movie theater offers eight first-run movies for those rainy days.

Deep Creek Lake Discovery Center

This special nature center celebrates the local critters and throws in some learning along the way (but don't tell the kids; they'll be having too much fun). Children can put their hands in a black bear paw print, touch fossils from times long gone, and sneak a peek under a microscope to learn about local underwater ecology at this learning center on the shores of Deep Creek Lake. The Discovery Center also offers educational programs ranging from leisurely observation hikes and campfire storytelling to boating safety. 301-387-7067 or www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/western/discovery.html

Learn to Ski and Snowboard at Wisp Resort

Wisp Resort features a Children's Learning Center for kids 3 to 14 years, because they know you will only have fun if they do, too! The resort offers two on-the-snow programs: Willy Wisp for 3-to-7-year-olds and Club Wisp for those 8 to 14. Professional and highly trained instructors will provide children with the confidence they need to help turn their ski or snowboard learning experience into a sport they will grow to love. With full and half-day group programs, kids can socialize with their peers in an atmosphere designed especially for them. Both programs include lift tickets & ski or snowboard equipment. 301-387-4911, ext. 2149 or www.wispresort.com.

Animals, Animals, Animals

Kids love animals; from little furry creatures to the biggest beasts, the fascination is universal. Garrett County offers many outlets for their curiosity. Some farms have petting zoos and more (see Farm Fun below.) The whole family can enjoy a horse-drawn carriage ride through the fields of Pleasant Valley—and in the winter snuggle up under a blanket when the horse pulls a sleigh!

Your horse is welcome in Garrett County, but if your little one's pleading for a pony hasn't worked, try one of the many stables and ranches that offer riding for kids and adults. See the Horseback Riding section on page 20. For something truly unique, try a dogsled ride in Garrett County, one of the few spots on the East Coast where you'll find this activity (the only one south of the Mason-Dixon line). Two companies offer rides, even dogcarting for those non-snowy days. Plus, you and your little ones will have a chance to meet and pet the dogs.

Farm Fun

More frolicking down on the farm can be had at any of the 15 area farms that have enthusiastically joined the agri-tourism movement. The Visitors Center has put together a "Working Farm Tours" brochure to get you into the heart of the local agricultural tradition. Meet an alpaca, pet a lamb, see maple syrup come straight out of the tree. Find out how vineyards get such fine wine out of those gnarly grapevines. Garrett County's agricultural heritage is alive and well, and ready for your visit. These are all working farms, so please call to inquire about hours and prices before showing up.

Learning Adventures

What better place to experience the outdoors as a family than Garrett County? And the kids might learn something while they're here, too. (It's not really studying on vacation!) Learn to paddle a kayak through the still waters of the Savage Reservoir or take a guided hike and find out what kinds of animals make their homes in the rich forests of Garrett County. Local eco-companies offer educational touring options for the whole family, including kayaking lessons, guided hikes—even a toddler program.

Mountain Lodgings

Garrett County invites you to sleep over—or move into—lodgings both ritzy and primitive, comfy and spacious.

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Check out the Hotels/B&Bs Chart

ALSO see State Parks Chart on page 54.
Accomodations ads follow

A Home Away From Home

Hundreds of homeowners rent out their houses to vacationers, some through the four listed rental companies in the area, and others on their own. You'll find amenities better than any hotel right in your own digs, everything from wet bars and gourmet kitchens to indoor pools and saunas. Homes with enticing names, like "Mountain Fantasy" and "Memory Maker," live up to their billing with billiard tables and hot tubs, and mammoth decks overlooking the water. Choose the full-service options available at many, including concierges and linen service, plus 24-hour hotlines; there's even a personal chef option so you can make use of that beautiful kitchen without breaking a sweat.

Contact the owners directly (see listings to follow), or work with one of four major real estate rental companies to find a range of home rentals, as well as sales. Ask about specific property amenities: lake front, lake access, or lake area; easy ski or golf access. Many also sport a hot tub or pool onsite, or via community access. The amenities are endless.

If you don't need to be pampered, rustic cabins are available through a few companies as well as Herrington Manor and New Germany State Parks (www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/western/herringtonmanor.html or www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/western/newgermany.html).

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Hotel, Please

But if it's service you want, there are numerous cozy and restful lodgings to serve you. Resorts with hundreds of rooms and services to match add spas to the amenities; historic inns add in fireplaces both in the rooms and in the lobby, and lending libraries. High-end lodges go rustic with style, including cabins with soaking tubs and down comforters, complemented by the sounds of nature and a basket filled with breakfast goodies on your cabin doorstep. Gourmet restaurants with world-class wines round out your stay.

A Place To Call Your Own

Find Your Own Lifestyle in Garrett County

How often, when on a weekend trip, you say, "I'd like to live here." What if you could find a place with such a unique variety of vacation homes and lifestyles that just making the decision to invest here would be fun in itself?

Garrett County is such a place. Purchasing a vacation home in our community is more than a real estate investment. It is an investment in living.

Whether your goal is a cozy secluded mountain cabin for weekends, a grand family retreat along the shores of Deep Creek Lake, or anything in between, Garrett County is the destination for you. Combine your dream of a four-season mountaintop getaway home with the myriad of special places, festivals, activities, parks, forests, waterfalls, golf, world-class fishing, and cultural events that Garrett offers—you'll soon realize that this unique combination can't be duplicated. Young professionals are increasingly moving their families in, attracted by the growth and possibilities afforded by telecommuting. It's the perfect combo of work and play.

We are also becoming known as a wonderful retirement location for folks who want to continue their active outdoor lifestyle, in a place with top-notch local services and opportunities for community involvement. Far from the pace of city life, but not too far. Plus, owning a retirement home here provides that extra special place for those increasingly important family gatherings, holidays, and other memory-making times with children, grandchildren, family, and friends.

A vacation or retirement home with unmatched choices in lifestyle and experiences, right at your doorstep—what a great combination!

We encourage you to check out the following advertising section which features numerous homebuilders, real estate companies, agents, and services waiting to help you make your dreams a reality.

Vacation Home Rental Companies

All four offer a range of home rentals. Ask about specific property amenities: lake front, lake access, or lake area; easy ski or golf access. Many also sport a hot tub or pool onsite, or via community access. The amenities are endless.

Coldwell Banker Deep Creek Realty-Rentals
144 properties/2-6 bedrooms
View properties online
24439 Garrett Highway
McHenry, MD
301-387-6187; 800-769-5100
www.DeepCreekRealty.com

Long & Foster Resort Rentals
195 properties/2-9 bedrooms.
View properties online
23789 Garrett Highway, Suite 3
McHenry, MD
301-387-5382; 800-336-7303
www.DeepCreekResort.com

OffLake Rentals
14 properties
View properties online
19509-A Garrett Highway
Oakland, MD
301-387-8060; 800-511-0186
www.offlakerentals.com

Railey Mtn. Lake Vacations
388 properties/2-9 bedrooms.
View properties online
5 Vacation Way
McHenry, MD
301-387-2124; 800-846-7368
www.DeepCreek.com

Know Before You Go

The friendly folks you'll meet when you arrive will be happy to assist you, but you may want to arm yourself with the basics, whether you're staying for a week or a lifetime.

General Info

County Seat: Oakland
Government: Three commissioners, elected to four-year terms
Elevation: 960 to 3,360 feet above sea level
Land Area: 657 Square Miles
Population:** 29,946 (2000 census); projected 31,050 by 2010.
See map on page 56 for towns, etc.

Climate*

It is consistently 10-15 degrees cooler here than in the surrounding metropolitan areas.
Summer Average Temperature: 66.6 degrees F. (rarely higher than low eighties)
Yearly Average Snowfall: 120 inches (17 inches more, on average, than Fairbanks, Alaska)
Winter Average Temperature: 29.1 degrees F.
Duration of Freeze Period: 129 days

Emergency Numbers

General Emergency (fire, ambulance, police): 911
Maryland State Police: 301-387-1101
Garrett County Sheriff: 301-334-1911
Maryland Natural Resources Police: 301-777-7771
Garrett County Memorial Hospital: 301-533-4000
Poison Control Center: 800-222-1222
Doctors Urgent Care: 301-387-7777

Transportation

Car: Most people drive to Garrett County, following I-70 from the East to I-68; then take Exit 14 onto Rt. 219 South and follow for approximately 13 miles. From the West, take I-79 to I-68, then Exit 4 onto Rt. 42 South—stay for approximately 8 miles. Rt. 42 merges into Rt. 219 South.
Rentals: Local automobile rentals are available.
Air: Airports supporting major airlines are in Cumberland, Md., and Morgantown, W.Va., with car rentals available at both. Some hotels/lodges offer shuttle services for a fee; check ahead. The local airport in McHenry (301-387-4100), currently undergoing an expansion, welcomes private planes.
Train: The closest train station is in Cumberland. Some hotels/lodges offer shuttle services for a fee; check ahead.
Limos: Currently, there is no local taxi service, but check the services chart for limo service.

Fun Facts:
- There are only thirteen stoplights in all of Garrett County.
- The air is so clean that vehicle emissions testing is not necessary.

Pet Friendly

No need to leave Fido or Fluffy at home: pets are welcome at many lodgings; almost a third of the more than 700 rental homes allow pets. You'll even see some pooches on boats or in woodland areas.

The state parks and forests vary in rules. Neither Herrington Manor nor New Germany State Park allows pets between Memorial and Labor Day; Savage River, Potomac and Garrett

State Forests allow pets at all times; Deep Creek, Swallow Falls, Big Run do so in some campgrounds and hiking areas. Check park offices for additional information.

Some restaurants serve pooches on their outdoor decks. Some businesses even offer "Yappy Hours" or ice cream in "Puppy Cups." Check Restaurant Grid for specifics.

In all cases, businesses require proper pet etiquette at all times: Pet must be under control, no barking allowed, and always clean up after them. Also, Garrett County has a leash law. Pick up a detailed list of pet-friendly spots at the Visitors Center.

Pineview Veterinary Hospital: 301-334-8171
Countryside Animal Hospital: 301-334-9166
Garrett County Animal Shelter: 301-334-3553

Business Climate

More than 920 businesses call Garrett County home, employing more than 9,200 workers—more than 85 percent in the private sector.

The Garrett Information Enterprise Center has been set up to attract technology-intensive companies, and numerous business parks have been established to house everything from manufacturing and financial to educational and health services.

The Small Business Administration has designated the county a HUB (Historically Underutilized Business) Zone. That, and a combination of specialty tax credits and a growing leisure/retirement market, makes Garrett County an especially attractive place to open shop, literally and figuratively.

Get Media Savvy

Know our airwaves, know us—the most popular radio stations on the local dial are: 104.5 FM (mainstream), 92.3 FM (country), 1050 AM (gospel/oldies). Read about local happenings in a flurry of publications: *The Republican*, a weekly newspaper, or free magazines, such as *Lakefront*, *Mountain Discoveries*, *Mountain Lake Quarterly*, *Deep Creek Magazine*, and online at *www.deepcreektimes.com*.

For Additional Information:

Tourist consultants are available pretty much 24/7 at the Visitors Center—301-387-4386—to assist you with your planning needs. Another visitors center can be found at the B&O Train Station in Oakland.

In addition, the Chamber of Commerce has also created some interactive kiosks to answer many of your questions. Check the website for additional locales.

**Temperatures and precipitation data based on 30-year averages, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Maryland State Office of Climatology. ** Population data from the U.S. Department of the Census; Maryland Department of Planning.*

Vacation Planning Made Easy on the Web

The Garrett County website, **www.visitdeepcreek.com**, has everything you need to know about coming to the area with up-to-date info—the site is updated daily. In addition to an electronic version of this printed Visitors Guide, the site includes:

- An entire lodgings section that lists **rental properties and hotels** by category; many include information on availabilities for last-minute trips and pet-friendly info.
- All manner of **dining info**, including restaurants, wineries, specialty shops, and nightlife...all organized by type. Descriptions of each and links to their sites help you plan your meals and your evenings with ease.
- Real estate information, including everything a new homeowner could want, from contractors to painters and plumbers. A separate list of **services**, organized by type, carries descriptions of each with direct links to individual websites.
- A guide to local **shopping** outlets, from small boutiques to antiques emporiums.
- A descriptive calendar of **special events**; there's also a search engine so you can fine what's happening on the date of your trip.
- A visitor information section that includes online brochures, tourism links, boating regulations, and other info.

Picture This!

Garrett County shone in the many great images submitted for the Fourth Annual Garrett County Photo contest. A local McHenry resident, Michael Reed, took first prize with his evocative shot of Tolliver Falls (top left). Tracy Brennenman, from Accident, featured a lighthearted look in her second-place entry (top right). Both beauty and tranquility combined in "Valley in the Fog," by Elizabeth Suits of Burkittsville, which took third place.

This year's contest deadline is October 31, 2007. Entries should be sent to Deb Clatterbuck, Garrett County Chamber of Commerce, 15 Visitors Center Way, McHenry, MD 21541 or e-mailed to contest@garrettchamber.org.

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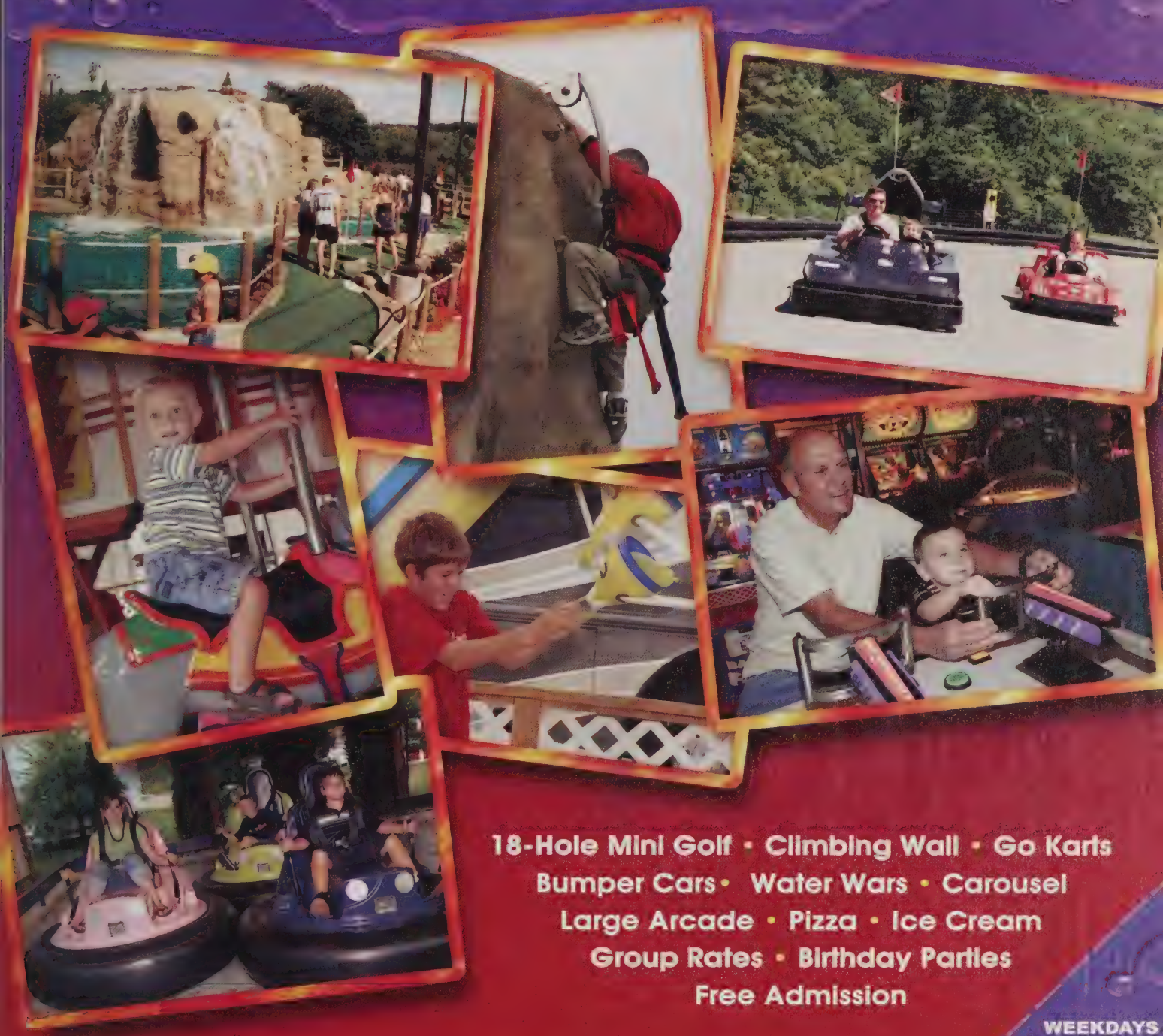

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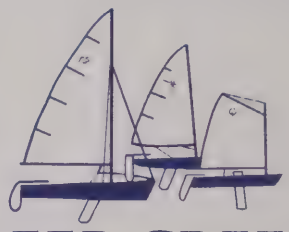

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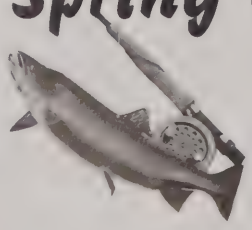

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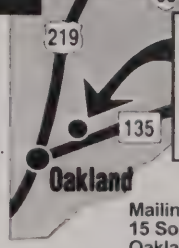

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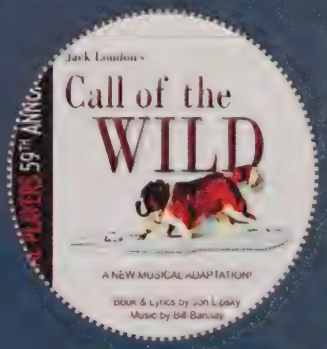

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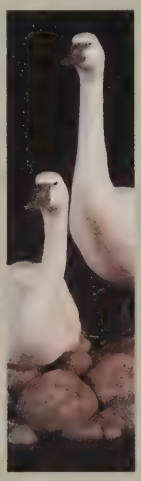

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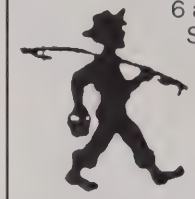

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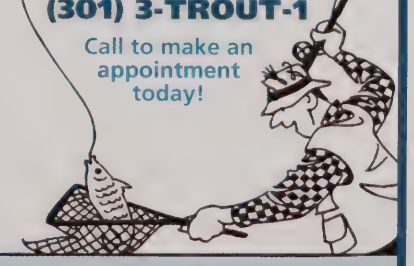

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VALUE SEASON
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- Lake Access
- Dock
- • Deck
- • Fireplace
- Pet Friendly
- • Smoke Free
- Hot tub
- • TV
- • VCR
- DVD player
- • Dishwasher
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- Dock
- • Deck
- • Fireplace
- Pet Friendly
- • Smoke Free
- Hot tub
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- Deck
- Fireplace
- Pet Friendly
- Smoke Free
- Hot tub
- TV
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- Microwave
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SLEEPS
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- Lake Access
- Dock
- Deck
- Fireplace
- Pet Friendly
- Smoke Free
- Hot tub
- TV
- VCR
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- Dock
- Deck
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- Smoke Free
- Hot tub
- TV
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- Lake Access
- Dock
- Deck
- Fireplace
- Pet Friendly
- Smoke Free
- Hot tub
- TV
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- Washer/Dryer
- A/C
- Grill
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- Dock
- Deck
- Fireplace
- Pet Friendly
- Smoke Free
- Hot tub
- TV
- VCR
- DVD player
- Dishwasher
- Microwave
- Washer/Dryer
- A/C
- Grill
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- Dock
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- Fireplace
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- Smoke Free
- Hot tub
- TV
- VCR
- DVD player
- Dishwasher
- Microwave
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RATES

Lake Front	• DVD player	Ski in/Ski out
Lake Access	• Dishwasher	• Cable/Satellite
Dock	• Microwave	Computer
• Deck	• Washer/Dryer	Internet Access
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RATES

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Lake Access	• Dishwasher	• Cable/Satellite
Dock	• Microwave	Computer
Deck	• Washer/Dryer	Internet Access
• Fireplace	• A/C	• Billiards/Games
Pet Friendly	• Grill	Ping Pong
Smoke Free	Pool	• Stereo
• Hot tub	Pool Table	Tennis Court
• TV	• Phone	
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SLEEPS 6

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RATES

• Lake Front	• DVD player	Ski in, Ski out
Lake Access	• Dishwasher	• Cable/Satellite
• Dock	• Microwave	Computer
• Deck	• Washer/Dryer	Internet Access
• Fireplace	• A/C	• Games
Pet Friendly	• Grill	Ping Pong
• Smoke Free	Pool	• Stereo
• Hot tub	Pool Table	Tennis Court
• TV	• Phone	
• VCR	Sauna	

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4 BR
2 BA
SLEEPS 8-10

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RATES

• Lake Front	• DVD player	Ski in/Ski out
Lake Access	Dishwasher	• Cable/Satellite
• Dock	• Microwave	Computer
• Deck	• Washer/Dryer	Internet Access
• Fireplace	• A/C	• Games
Pet Friendly	• Grill	Ping Pong
Smoke Free	Pool	• Stereo
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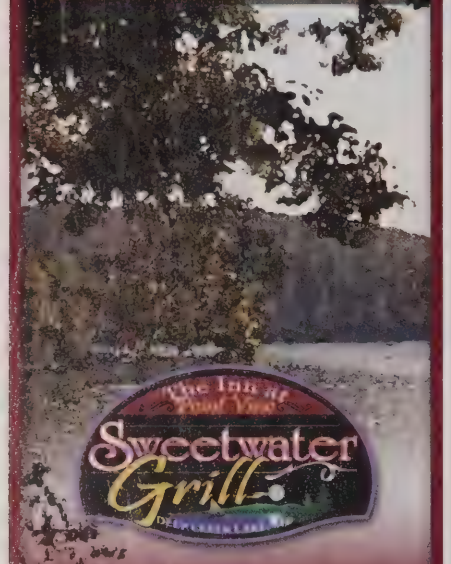

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RATES

- Lake Front
- Lake Access
- Dock
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- Pet Friendly
- Smoke Free
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- TV VCR DVD
- Dishwasher
- Microwave
- Washer/Dryer
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- Grill
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- Stereo
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3 BR
2 BA
SLEEPS 6

On quiet Harvey Peninsula, an all-season, lakefront cedar home perfect for families. Three decks overlook sloping, wooded lot and lake. Dock accomodates one boat. State parks, shopping, Wisp Resort are nearby. No smoking; no pets.

RATES

- Lake Front
- Lake Access
- Dock
- Deck
- Fireplace
- Pet Friendly
- Smoke Free
- Hot tub
- TV
- VCR
- DVD player
- Dishwasher
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LAKE'S EDGE COTTAGE

2 BR, 1 BA, SLEEPS 6

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RATES

- Lake Front
- Lake Access
- Dock
- Deck
- Fireplace
- Pet Friendly
- Smoke Free
- Hot tub
- TV
- VCR
- DVD player
- Dishwasher
- Microwave
- Washer/Dryer
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RATES

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- Dock
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RATES

- Lake Front
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- Fireplace
- Pet Friendly
- Smoke Free
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SKI COVE 4

2 BR
2.5 BA
SLEEPS 6

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RATES

- Lake Front
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- Deck
- Fireplace
- Pet Friendly
- Smoke Free
- Hot tub
- TV
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- Games
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- Stereo
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3 BR, 3 BA, SLEEPS 6-8

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RATES

- Lake Front
- Lake Access
- Dock
- Deck
- Fireplace
- Pet Friendly
- Smoke Free
- Hot tub
- TV
- VCR
- DVD player
- Dishwasher
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- Internet Access
- Games
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RATES

- Lake Front
- Lake Access
- Dock
- Deck
- Fireplace (2)
- Pet Friendly
- Smoke Free
- Hot tub
- TV
- VCR
- DVD player
- Dishwasher
- Microwave
- Washer/Dryer
- A/C
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RATES

Lake Front	• DVD player	Ski in/Ski out
Lake Access	• Dishwasher	• Cable/Satellite
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RATES

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Dock	• Microwave	Computer
Deck	• Washer/Dryer	Internet Access
• Fireplace	• A/C	• Games
Pet Friendly	• Grill	Ping Pong
Smoke Free	Pool	• Stereo
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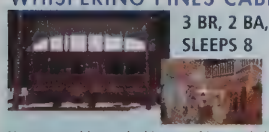

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RATES

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Lake Access	• Microwave	
Dock	• Washer/Dryer	
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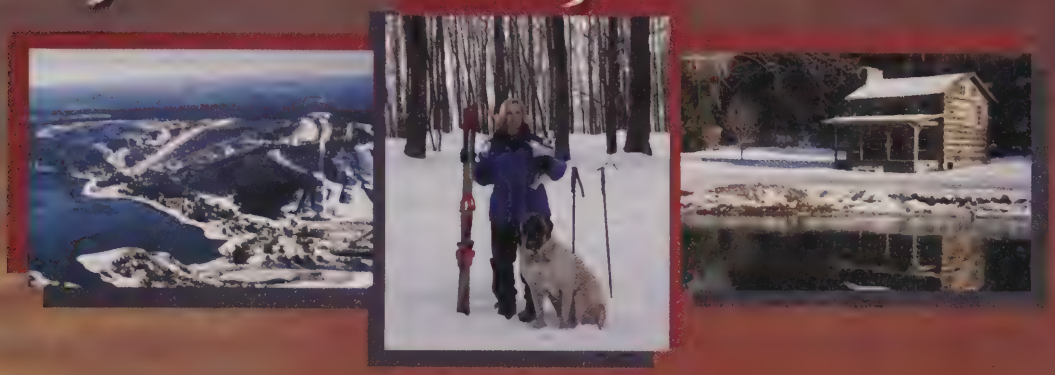

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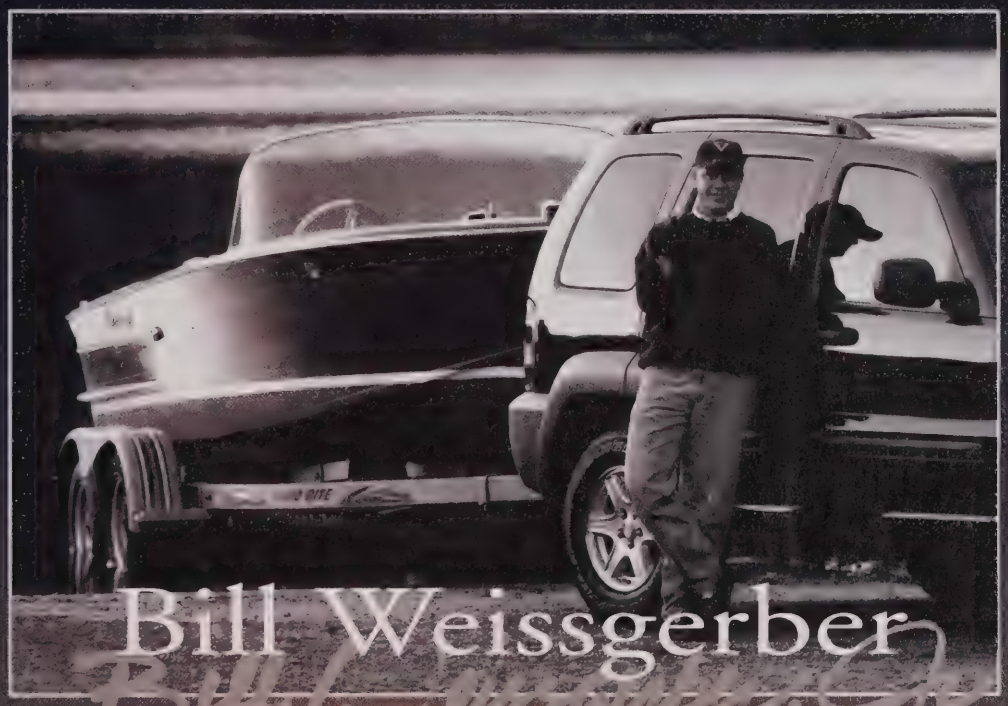

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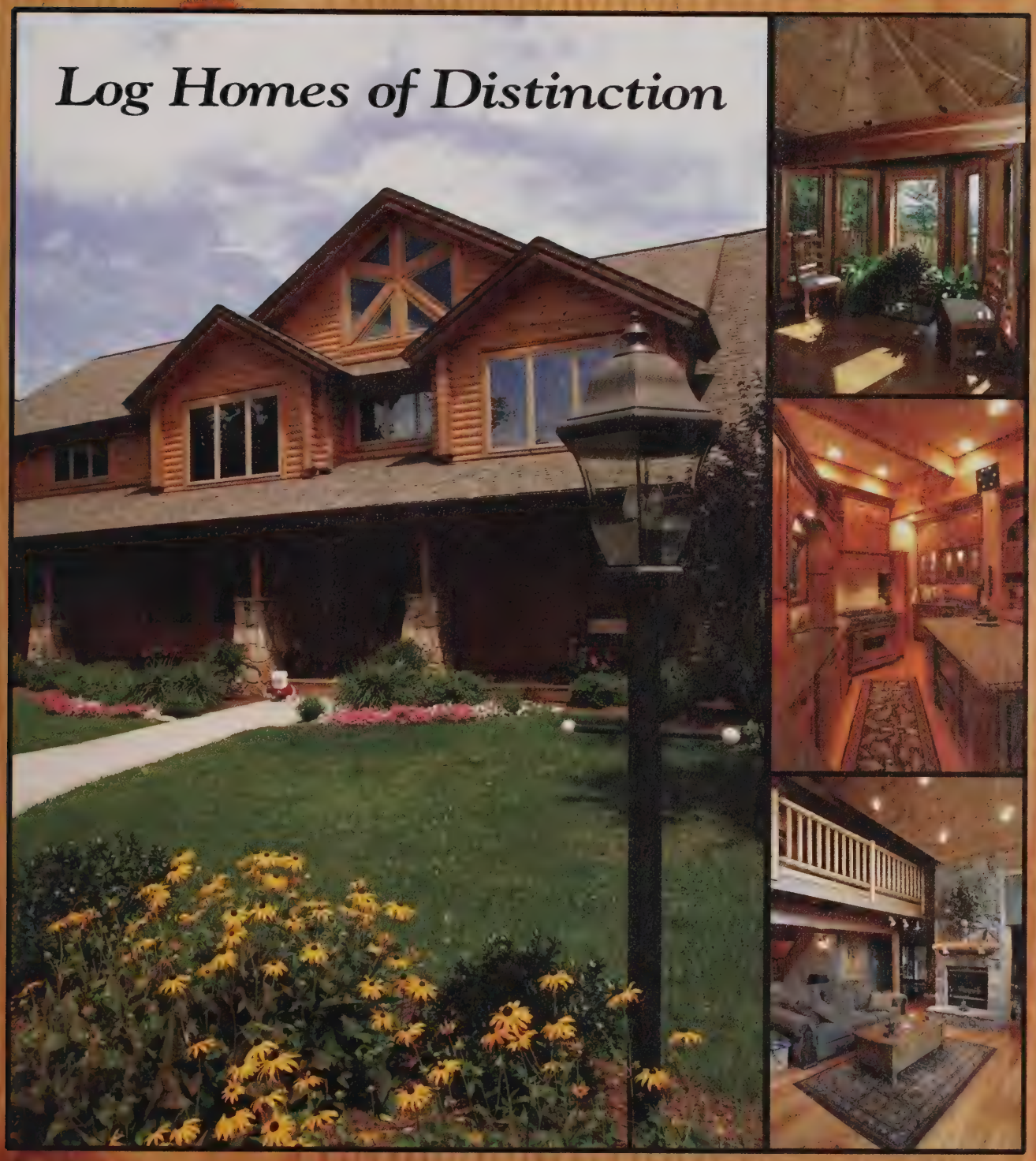

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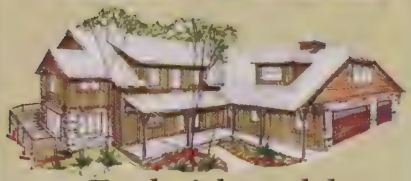

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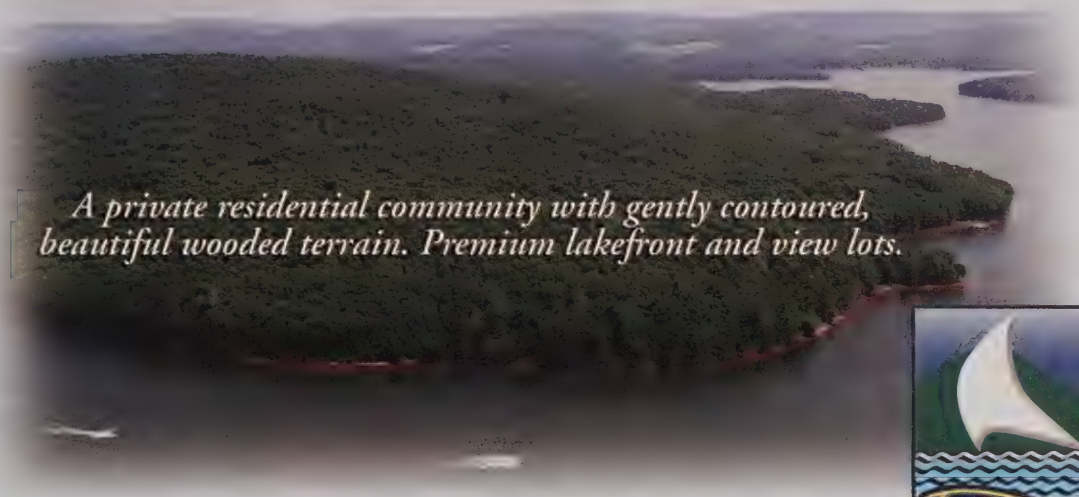

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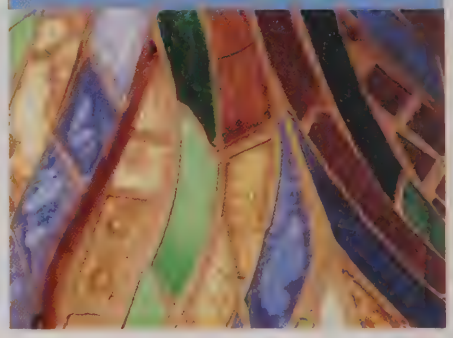

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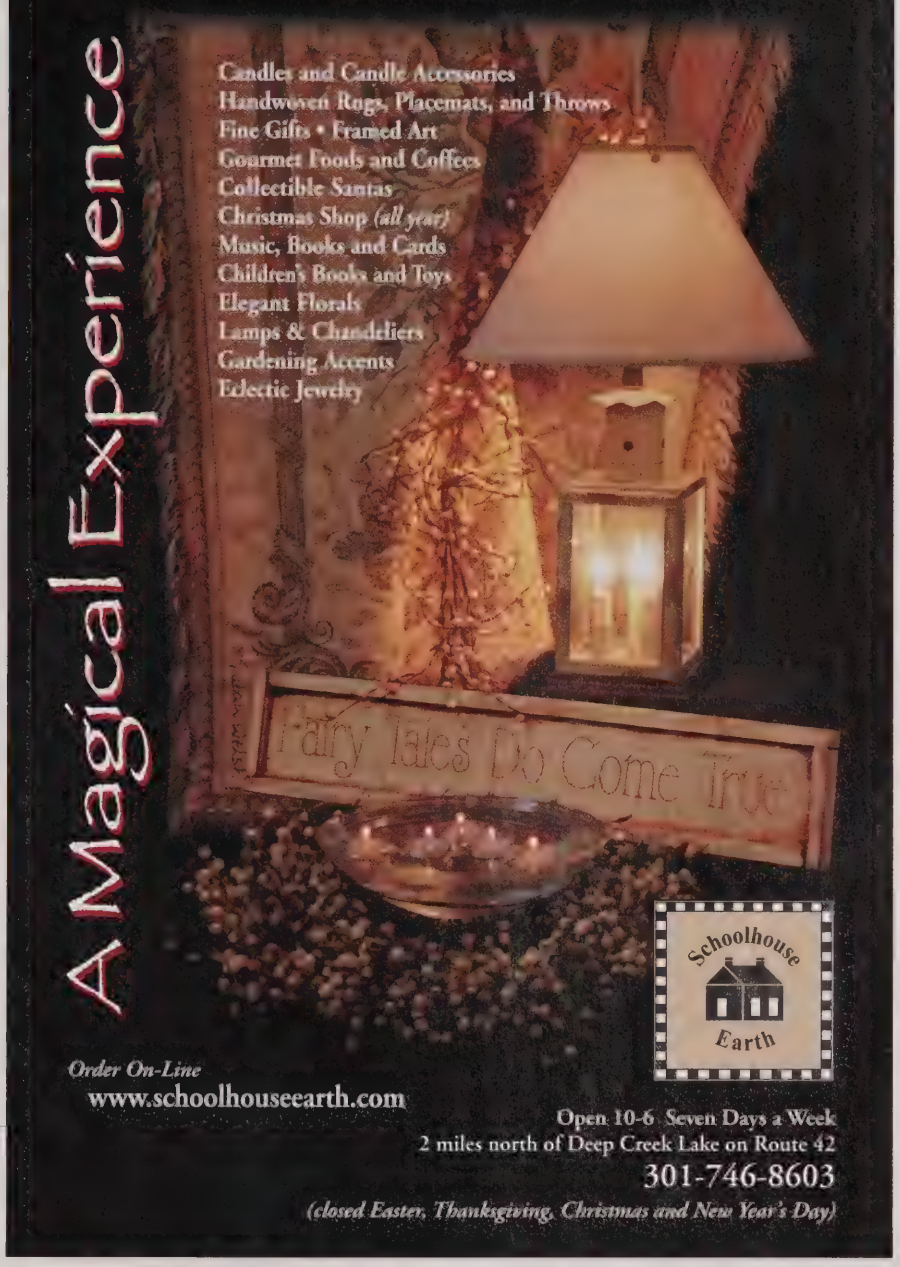

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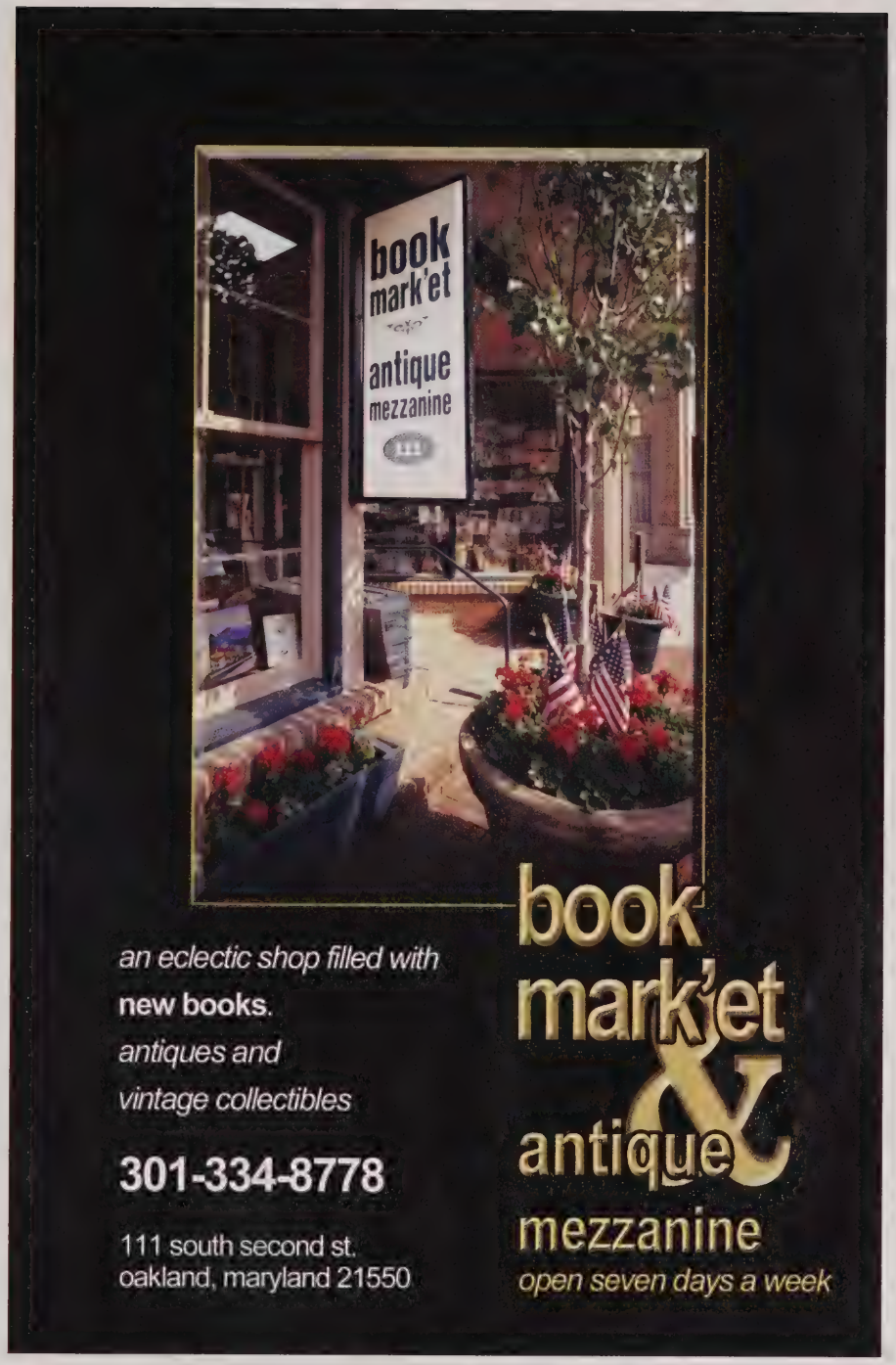

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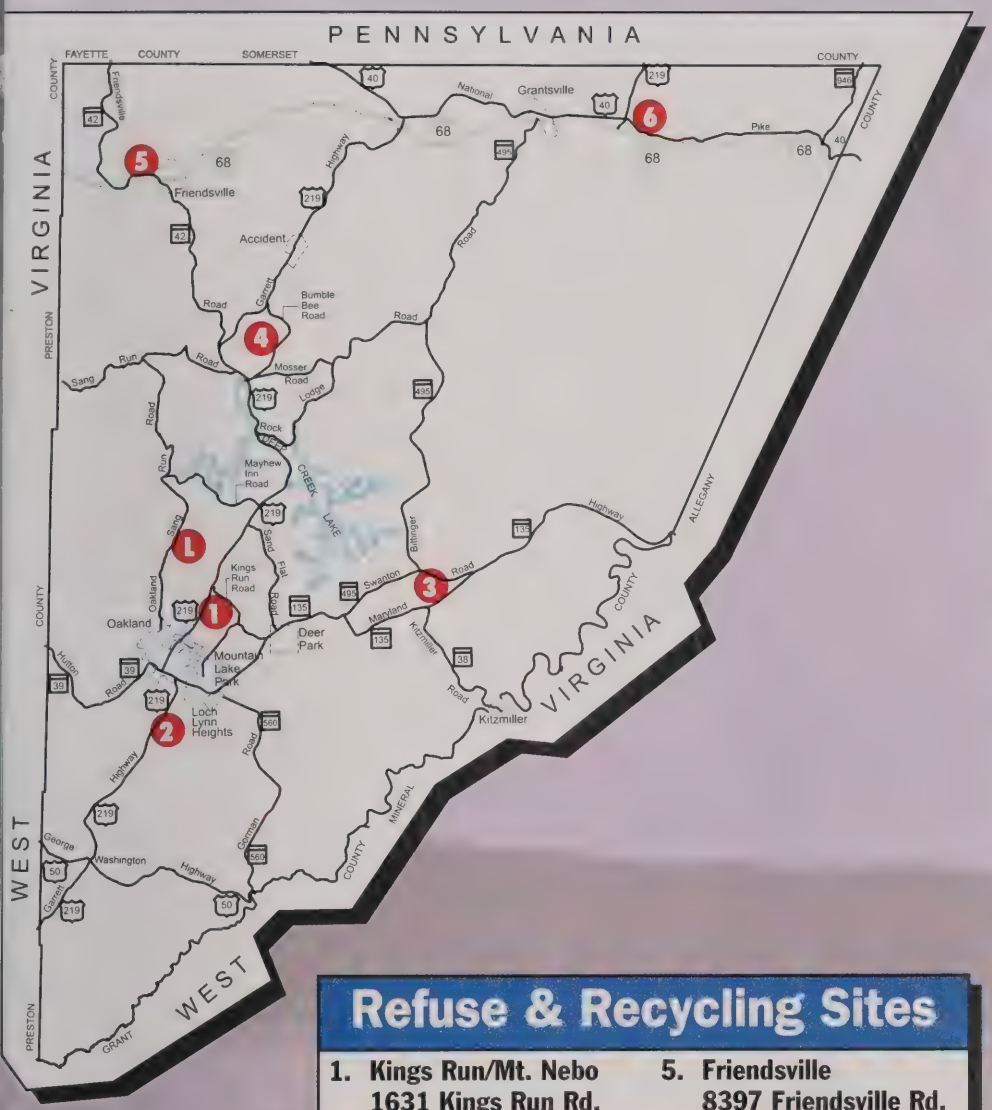

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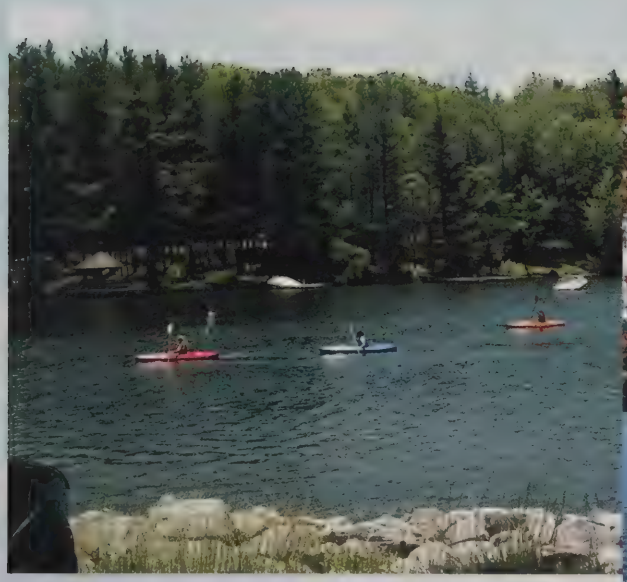

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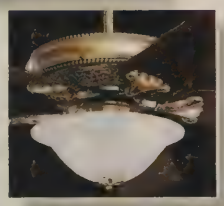

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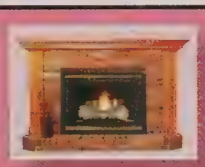

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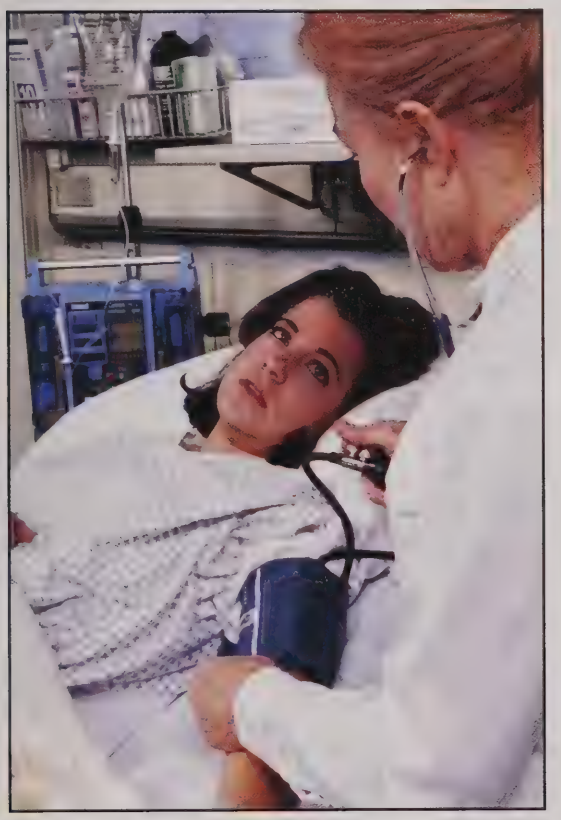

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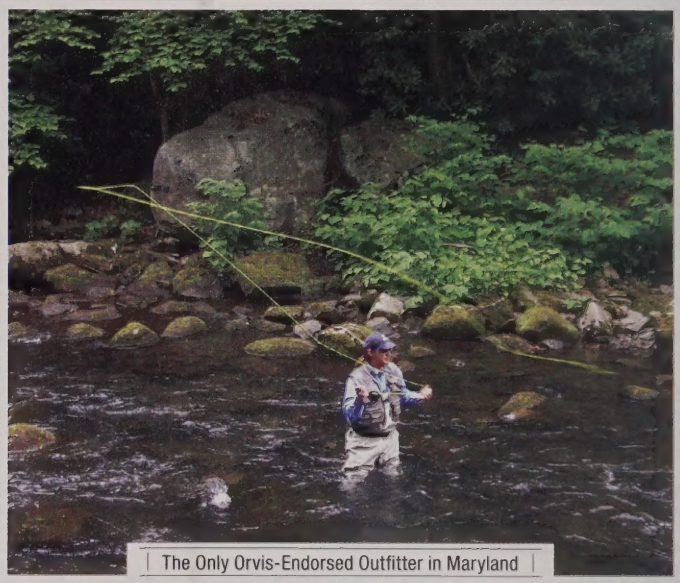

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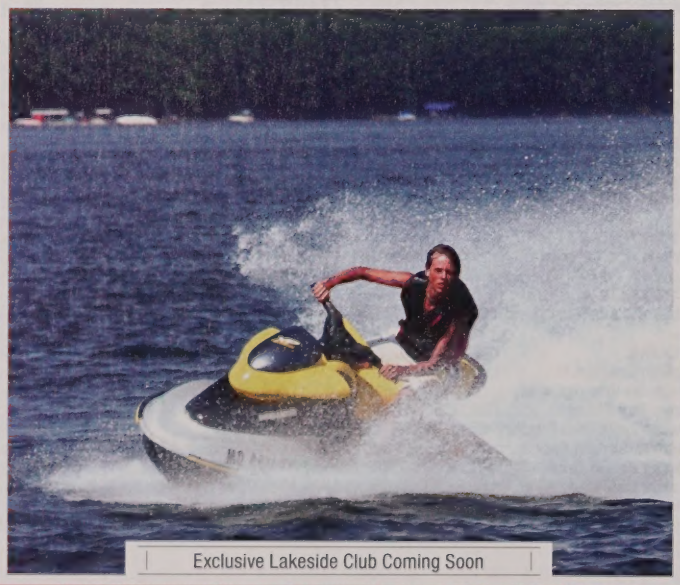

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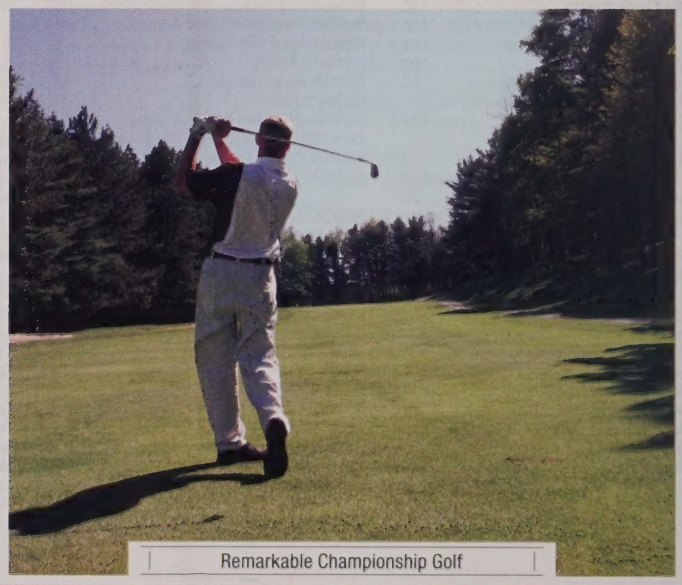

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